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John A. Kushner	
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PVT William C. McClain -33
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PFC Stephen Suder K/A
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PVT Donald J. MacMillan
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Anthony J. Margiotta
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Howard J. Fallon
Fred G. Neitz
J Eddie D. Montoya
J Joseph F. McDermott
Robert W. Nordall
PFC Charles S. Emerson 3
Albert J. Galligan
Charles Lutz
PFC Richard C. Vandveer
PFC Albert Meyer K/A 39-
J George R. Chappelow
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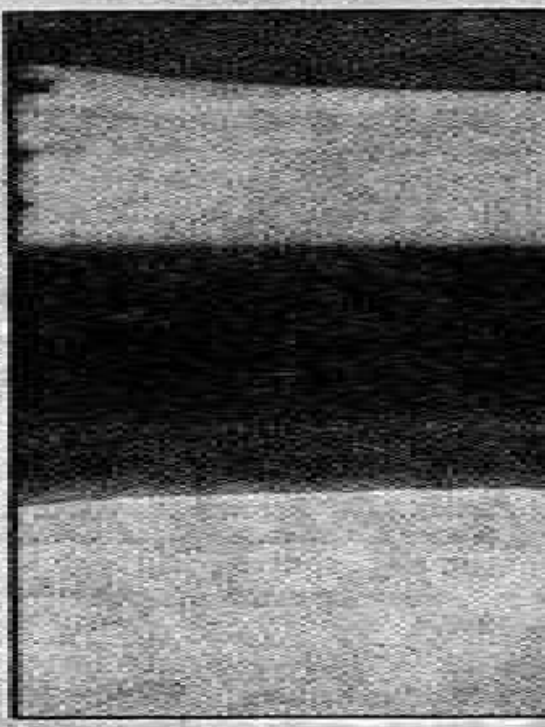

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EDWARD HANNA
DISTRICT MANAGER

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(These identifications were
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Matthew C. Altmari

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Dear Nick:

Many thanks for your
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Dear Folks:

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Am so glad to kno
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visit as far as I am

240 Linton Road
Green Island Hills
Columbus, Georgia 31904
July 26, 1966

Dear George:

I know you don't care
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P.S.

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My special interest in th
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My sister was 14 months
1944 and after basic training
He received special "hazard p
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tations and tears.

Daddy came home from G
him holding us. The sun wa
picture taken of Ted. He was

My sister "Teddy" and I g
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July 1937 and I was born in J
December 1942 and Daddy w
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with Mother and my baby siste

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two weeks before she told any
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America for burial. We had a
remember going down to the
came and formally carried it t
cast. At the cemetery the ice
playing taps. I tried hard not
sister, ran and picked up thje
my Daddy was.

I suppose that's why I wrote
answer from a man, George R
months. It it I placed a plea --

Three months ago on my a
who wrote a letter a few years

I called him immediately a
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Bastogne. In clearing his note

could put me in touch with my
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few days I had a call from M
telling of our father's last day.
"buddy" in San Francisco wh
written him inquiring about my

Daddy had come down fro
weeks because of the raging
There he found that the mail
was the black and white photo
when he got the photo they to
Leon told me that he showed
helmet. They then heard that
and was knocked off his feet
"Kelley got it." Kelley's gone.

Does anyone remember?
Thank God for all those who d

The material on this sheet was receive
Cpl. Carmen Ladner, Company A, 501
who was KIA in Holland (Eerde sand d
note he died on the same day as SSgt
Busby and Pvt Donald Hosie. If you c
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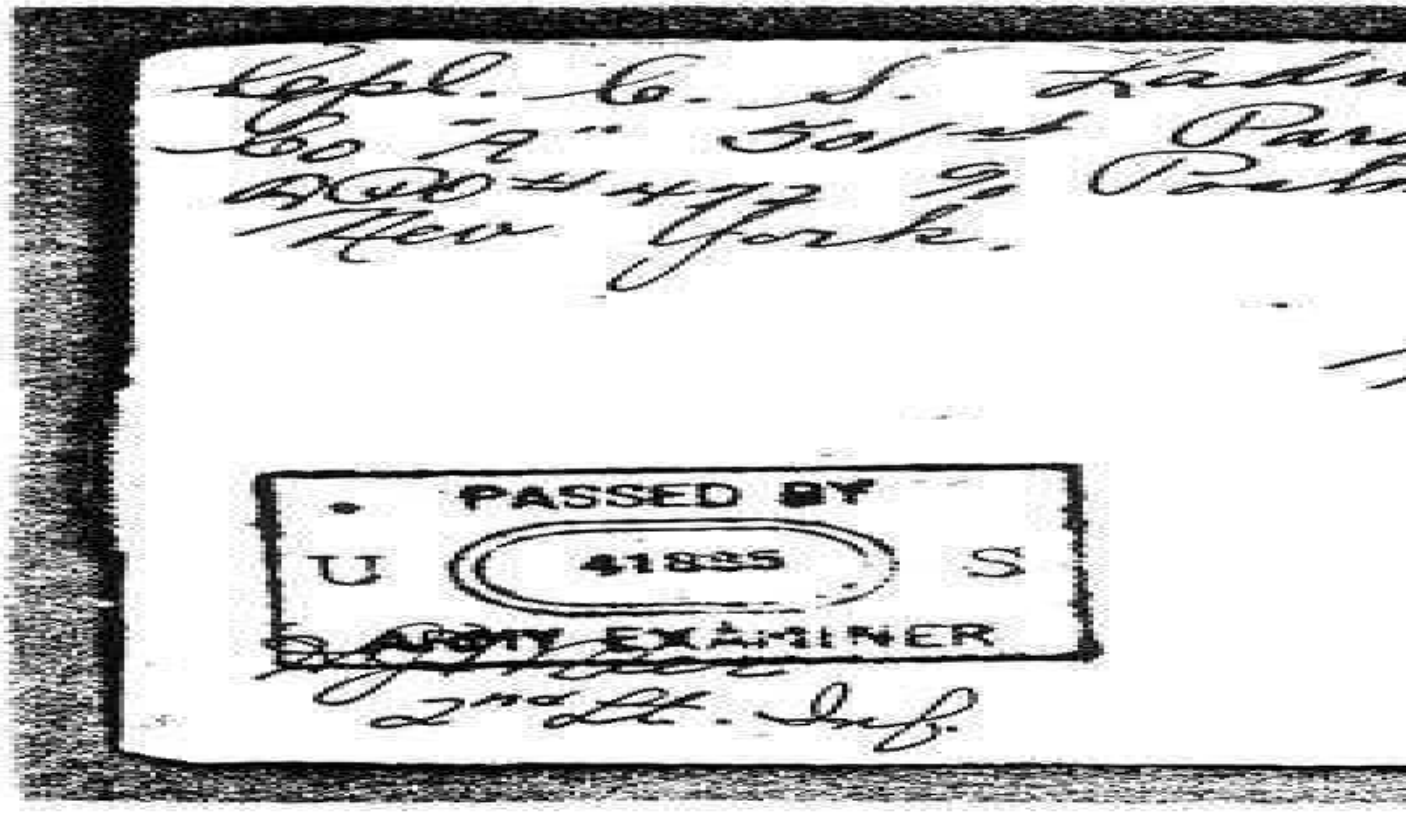

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Pvt Samuel W. Carr
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Cpl Matthew W. Pastore (KIA)
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PFC Anthony Pawlukewich #
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PFC Troy L. Pratt
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Pvt John H. Pye
Sgt Paul A. Qualley
Pvt Benjamin Rice
PFC Harry Roberts, Jr. (KIA)
Cpl William C. Roble (KIA)
2Lt Roben E. Sahs
Pvt Lee Sanzone (KIA)
1Lt Charles H. Seale (KIA)
1St Frank V. Seymour #

The listings shown in the above Com
taken"Somewhere in England" in Marc
of those troopers. The second was the
company "end of the war" roster as th
the 101st Division. Those with stars (*
ation.. Those with a # after name a
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The KIA's have been checked aga
Airborne Division. Additional names w
in Holland. I am enclosing a quarter sh
the latter two didn't appear on the listi
more information on his uncle, PFC
when we were in the marshaling area.)
Cpl Carmen S. Ladner called yesterday
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Highway are now available in third and
third book, The Battered Bastards of Ba

The men of "Able" Company get
Sumpter Blackmon in the D-Day and
Carlson, Nick Denovchik, Ray Hash, A
Smith and pathfinder Albert Watson.

The Holland book gets Blackmon
Kropman who joined your company in
Lts. Blackmon and Puhalski at the tim
We had great stories from Captains
Company commander Robert Phillips.

If and when we reprint the third b
Lloyd Jones, Lt. Robert Kennedy, Bob
and Chris McEwan who wins a Silver
company less than six weeks before be

OFF

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MEDICAL SHORTS

By Pvt. Kenneth Moore

From all we have heard the medico had an astonishingly successful furlough. A good time was had by all! We have a new 1st Sgt. in the person of S|Sgt. J. Terry Sanford, who is the pride of Laurinburg, N. C.

Ten men accompanied the 1st Battalion on a three-day bivouac, and the men went through the infiltration course. It was just a small taste of what we have in store for us. Gosh!

Furlough Notes

Pfc. "Route-Step" La Barre is back from North Africa and seems to be in an alcoholic stupor. Pvt. "Useless" Gilmore spent a quiet evening in the Lima, Ohio bastile. Pfc. Freddy Gillette, dashing lad from Brooklyn, "retoined" with a girl's trousseau complete with wedding pictures. He hit the silk, but it was all pink. No explanation. T|5 "Peter Rabbit" Rees, is quiet disturbed after his interview with a boatswain mate from San Francisco.

Lt. Ferrara deserves a blurb for his marriage enroute from Fort Benning.

Big league "Pop" O'Callaghan returned from Indianapolis with his equipment. Ready for spring training John?

So much for the digs. The Medical Detachment is all present and accounted for, and forthwith and heretofore we are on the "G. I. Ball."

It seems that the first issue of "GERONIMO" was a big success, and all the boys are yelling for more GERONIMOS and more pages. O. K. fellas, we, the staff, will do our part, but you, too, must help. How? By bringing us all the news that you can gather. Our motto is, "IF IT'S FIT TO PRINT, WE'LL PRINT IT."

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VOLUME 1

1ST BATTALION BRIEFS

Headquarters 1st Battalion
501st Parachute Infantry
Camp Mackall, N. C.

This was the busiest week yet for the 1st Battalion. Started off Tuesday with mass jumps and squad problems, then bivouac and tactical training until Thursday, then a march to the transition range for field firing, topped off with a 15-mile march back to Camp, arriving at 9 PM. . . .Saturday found life going on as usual, except for sore feet and poison ivy and sunburn. . . .

Company A

Pvt. O. G. Smith, our Texas scout, went on a private scouting party of his own Thursday night. He remarked later (14 hours later) that he was not lost, only

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SECOND BATTALION CHATTER

Pvt. Bruce M. Beyer

Last week the 2nd Battalion took to the field as a complete unit for the first time since arriving at Camp Mackall. It proved to be a new experience for most of us. A lot of hard work was done on our three day bivouac, but we also had a good deal of fun. The experience afforded by our initial bivouac should prove valuable to us all. We will at least know what to expect when next we go out on bivouac, which should be soon.

Major Robert A. Ballard, Officer of the 2nd Battalion was interviewed by your reporter, and what he had to say concerning our work in the field should prove of interest to us all.

MAJOR ROBERT A. BALLARD

Men of the 2nd Battalion.
The bivouac the Battalion went

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VOLUME 1 Camp M

FIRST BATTALION BRIEFS

Company C

By Pvt. Stanley W. del Santo

Last Thursday night we threw a 'wow' of a beer party for all the personnel of Company C. The beer flowed and the rafters rang with laughter and merry-making. Because of a previous engagement the 501st dance orchestra was absent and the music was supplied by inferior outfits on the whirling discs. Because of a girl shortage the boys had to compensate themselves with pop and sandwiches. (not to forget that brown October Ale). Everyone had a helluva good time even the usually stolid face of First Sergeant Buckridge blossomed into an occasional smile. Pvt. Engosser tumbled off the proverbial wagon and whetted his whistle for the first time since entering the service.

One of the highlights of the evening was the appearance of Lt. White and several notable guests; Mrs. E. G. Chapman wife of General Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. White the parents of Lt. White who were formerly residents of the Phillipines. When asked if he was going to jump this week Lt. White answered simply but emphatically "Hell yes!"

One of the unsolved mysteries of the evening was the identity of a certain Miss Helen, perhaps Lt. Butler will one day tell all. When asked how he liked the party Lt. Bowser came forth with a profound and comprehensive statement (quote) "okay" (unquote).

Lt. Williams a recent addition to Company C said that in his opinion such gatherings tended to cement the relationships of the men, thereby fusing the men into a highly coordinated fighting team.

Captain Phillips came up with a humorous 'faux pas' when on in-

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Jacques CAPITEN
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Mr. George E. Koskim
13914 Edmore Drive
Detroit, Michigan 48

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Mr. George E. Koskim
Detroit, Michigan 48
April 6, 1967

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Kenneth R. Lambert
1662 Adams Street S.
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Mr. Frank Styler
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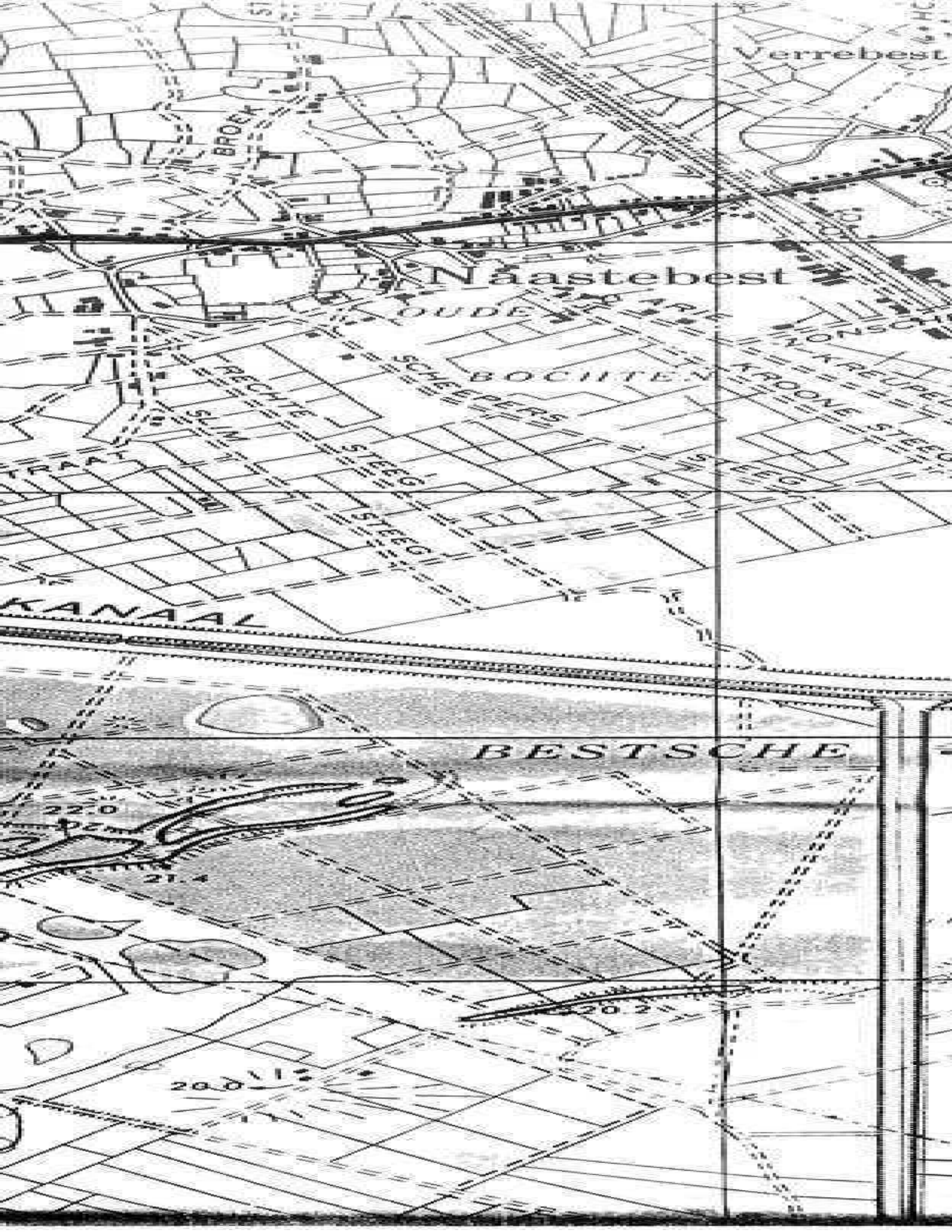
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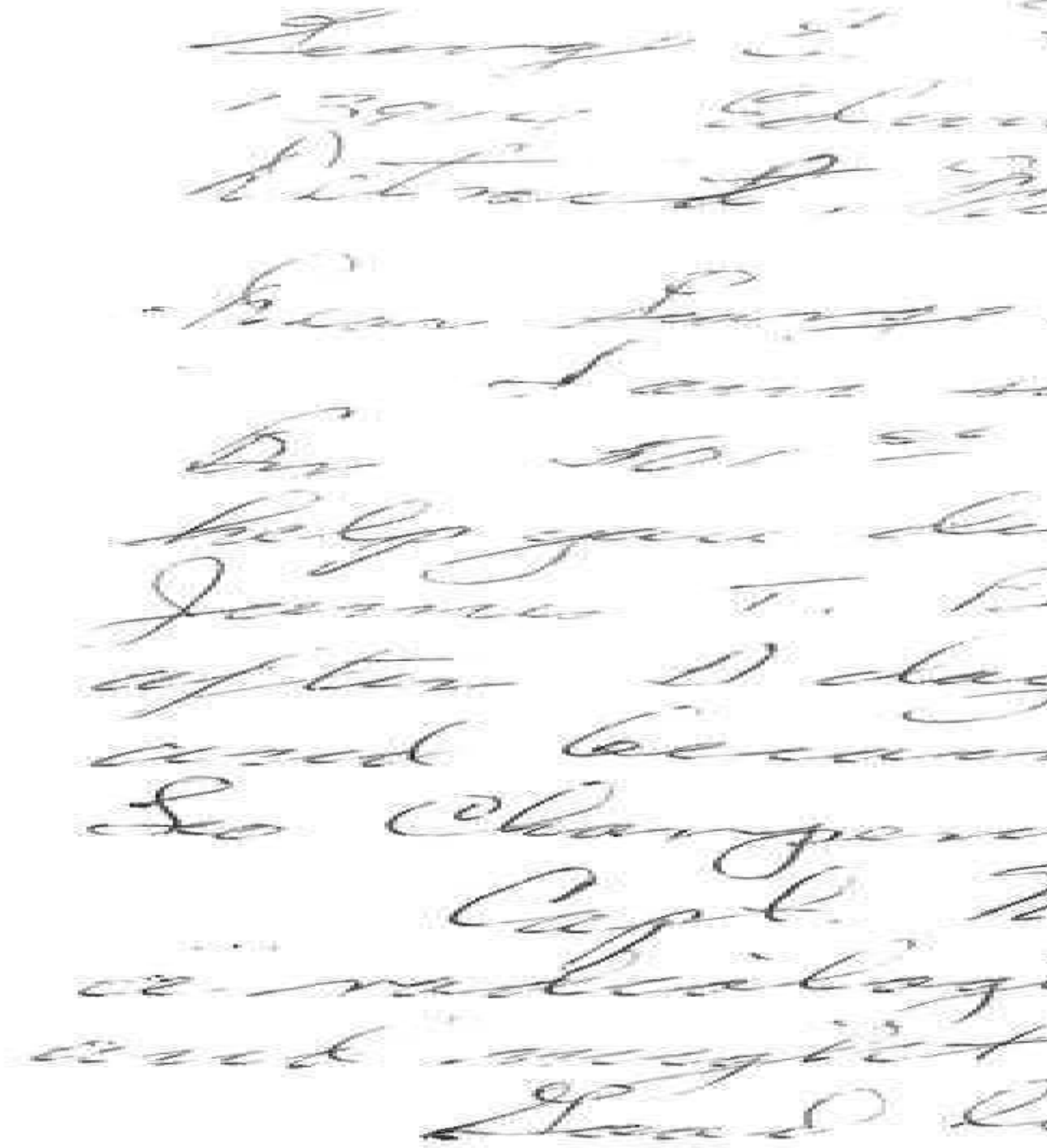

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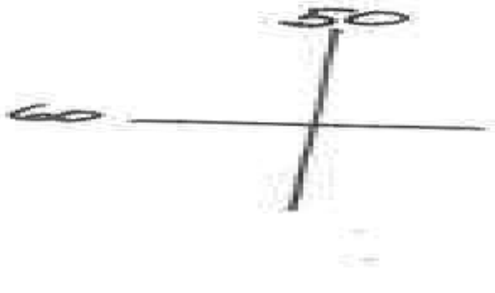

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Situation as of 2000
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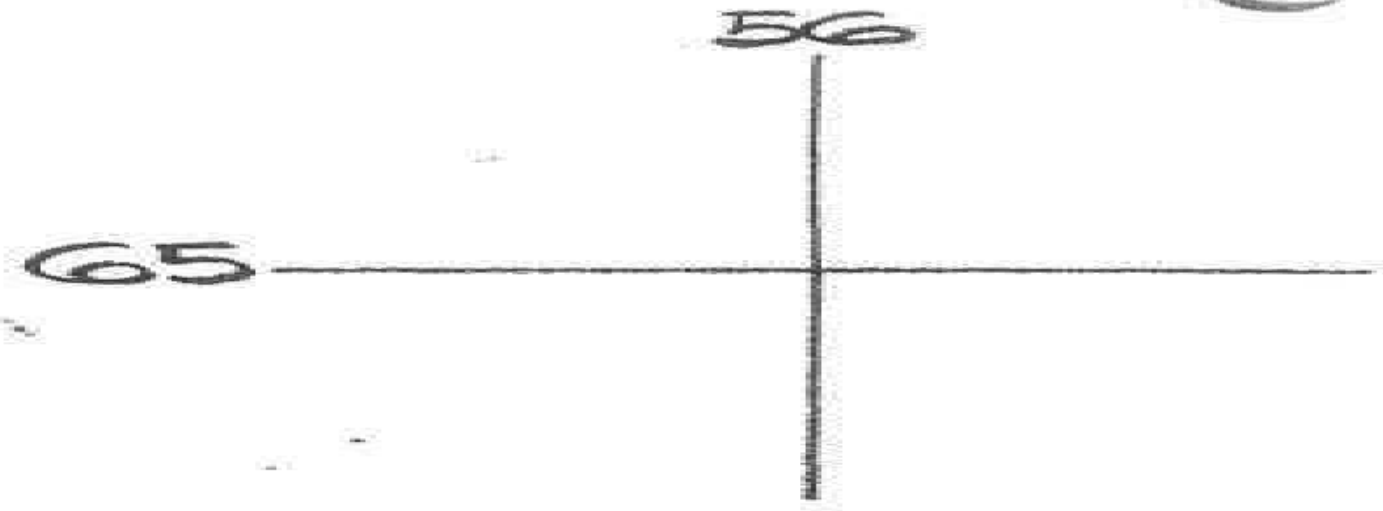
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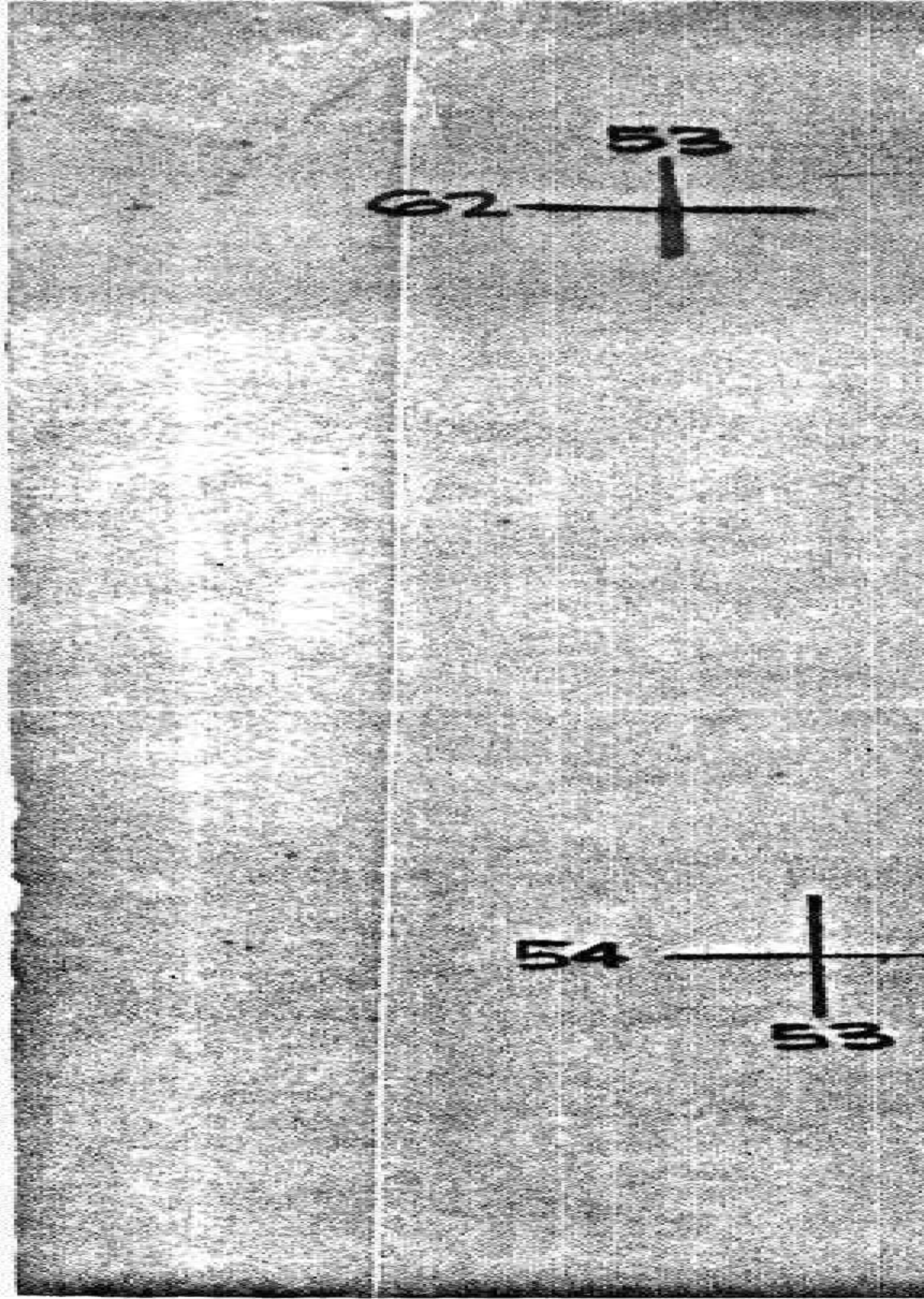
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Name Mr. Peter Lamb
your rank on D-day?
you belong? Medical Detac

1. Can you recall anythin
for the mission, meals

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?

3. Did anything occur as

4. What was your jump lik

5. Did you encounter any
describe:

6. What did you do once y

7. Did you find other mem
you can recall:

8. How many of these men

9. Did you accomplish you

10. Who was the officer in
Was h
many men did he collect

11. Do you recall the name
finders from your outfi

12. Describe as best you ca

13. Name your company comma
sergeant, company clerk

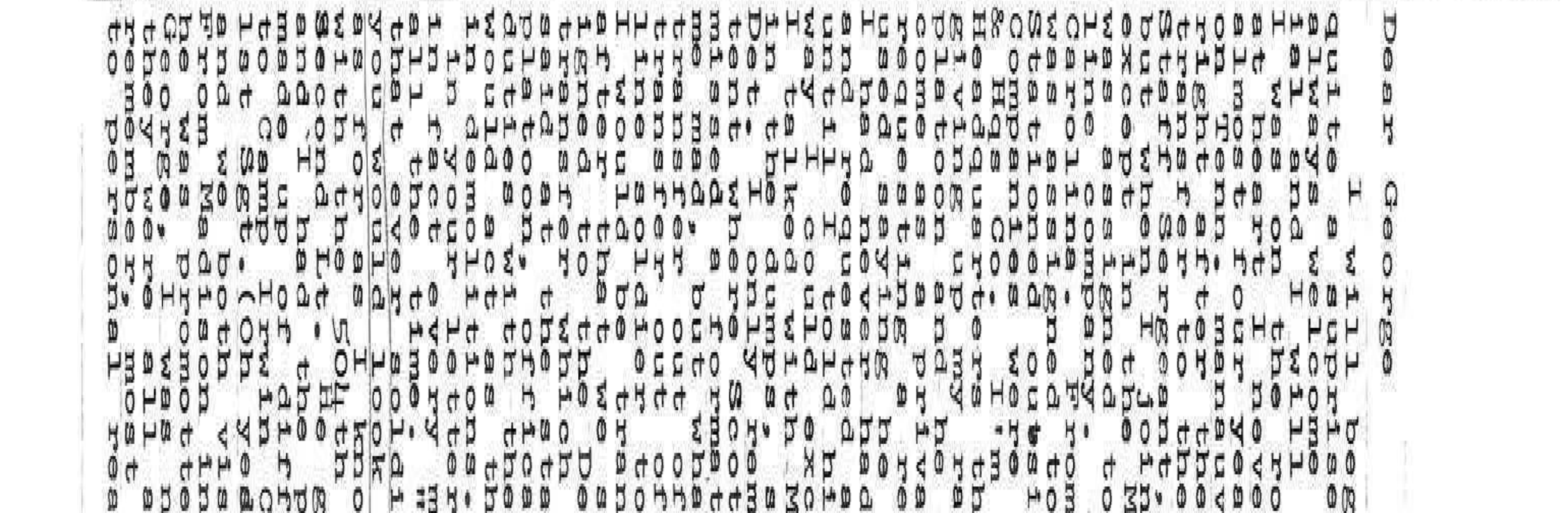
Cpl _____ Aagard (Rgt !Iq)
Leif A. Alseth
Carl D. Ancell
Cpl George Atchison
*Capt Louis Axelrod (2 Bn)
T/5 Raymond Barton (E Co)
David Baseitz
Roger A. Battaglia
Bane A Blunkenship (Pow)
Capt Robert Blatherwick (1 Bn
Paul J. Bruscato
Louis Bifulco
Capt Lewis H. Bosher (WIA)
William Boyer
T/5 John Berlin (KIA Dday)
PFC James E Byrd (KIA) B Co
Edwin !I. Brookman
Capt James T. Brennan (Replace)
Paul Carlson (2nd Bn)
Maj. Francis E. Carrel (WIA)
Robert H. Chesbro
"Rocky" Dekle (3rd Bn)(Replace)
Michael S. Damewood
T/4 Edward Davis (3rd Bn)
Andre DeKester
William H. Donst
_____ Fisher
Edward M. Foy
Robert D. Franklin
Sgt William C. Grant (3rd Bn)
Robert P. Galvetti
Jack J. Gehrs
Raymond O. Goodman
William V. Goolsby
James N. Gunrino (Replace)
George Haegel (2nd Bn)
Luke W. Hambruch - (3rd Bn)
Ralph E. Hankins (E Co?)
Francis L. Harbaugh (A Co)
Ludwig J. Hegel
Russell E. Hendricks (Replace
Capt Blair Henningsgaard (1 B
Harold Hibbard (G Co) (KIA)
Walter B. Hoover
T/5 Edwin S. Hohl (G Co-KIA)
Benny A. Hungler (3rd Bn)
Edwin G. Jacobson
Capt Robert Jacobs (3rd Bn)(Rep
Robert L. Johnson
Capt Thomas U Johnson (1 Bn)(R
* Dead.

Edwin Hohl was killed a few fe
was hung up in a tree. Berlin
Hibbard and Price were convert
Lt. Johnson were captured on 1
I have addresses for all those
with any of the others? Have

Note: Perhaps this
cation in relation
many dropped outs
member, it is you
Mention locations

Your address was forwarded to me by a
contacts that you were the demolitons
told me you stayed in service after th
story about him but I'd like to have
I believe it was for D-day actions and
the line company men have so much pra
reports. Will you give me a little ha

I will answer your questionar on another paper because there as not enough room in the space allotted. Before I close I would like to say..I did stay in the service after the war. I retired three years ago, January 1964. I came with the Richland Coumyy Sheriffs D$_e$pt a few days after. I expect to retire again from this job. I liked the service, it was good to me. If I had it to do all over again. I'd do the same thing. In fact if Uncle Sam told me he needed me back, he would'nt have to ask twice.



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I cam back to t
exzactly one ye
Georgia where a
known as the J
Demonstration j
After the Bn wa
and J@mp Master
Police were sho
regular MPs for
doing that. I
out to the 504t
North Carolina.
out to the 508t
Gyro out to Jap
Island, in July
1956 I requeste
shipped back an
guess the unit
but when we cam
no rank in the
which time I te
old to jump fro
Jackson South C
shipped out to
on a short tour
January 1964, t
a position as D
Columbia SC. A
Sergeant. I me
were married se
like to say is
home and there
feel hurt if yo
our "All Americ
Ge~oge when you
list. Now I wi
please pardon a

First off..my

Question # 1. About the only
sleeping, clear
and how Col Jo
and, holding hi
his men gathere
bury that knife
and shook hands
hand, then I ge
second time he
Col, but I'm co
and talk with m

2 I don't remembe
with my thought
that a few min
told us he was
up as soon as
already started
ers.

3 As we approache
another Demo ma
July. His words
later Buck was
plane. He was
he unhooked Buc
door, setting d
on Lt Füller ga
in fact he was
the Holland Jump
stationed at Fo

4 It did'nt seem
ground. I got
time it seemed
landed not to fe
is when it got
I don't recall

5 I had to cut my
almost trampled
around loose in
with german sol
killed by a dar

#6. The very first
of the Red Cros
I crawled in th
Sgt Freestone
also tangled in
dragging him.
Carbine Rifle
pistol. He di
tell me "hell n
after I told hi
was another man
hooked up with
of Shell. Some

#7 I don't recall
unless it was
the same plane.
ember when I
must have. I

#8 Not sure

9 As you well kn
briefed along
to prevent the

#10 After being on
hooking up wit
knowing before
group. The onl
he might have
mighty fine jo
did not travel
of the small a
not to fire ou
firing a rifle
from ground fi
in. That gave
finally stoppe
Carentan that
light I got ho
of our platoon
from Troy Texa
took over what
from other uni
ward Carentan,
had the mission
moving out, I
container equi
was flying all
yet, but I kep
gonna get hurt
it behind. He
we would float
it sank. We f
about ten feet
approx three d
name was Ander
all the first
when a man is
move him. I a

#11 Only one..Al H
with a recruit
about two year
mananger at Ch
is appointed.

#12 Most of it I h
about a little
I never knew h
got the second
war with the b
a ### good shoo
Hitler lost a
know if he mad
shooting in fi
rifle range.

#13 I don't recall
Normandy...It w
was killed in a
Demo Platoon le
other officer I
Cook, Squad Lea
Sgt. or Company
a FredErick Shum
at Fort Bragg.
When I ran into
Parachute Rigge
to Master Sgt.
re-activation o
commissioned ra
in the 501st(Hq
a light Col abo

Ind@@idal Actio
I cant give any
mentioned, the
one
sure each man g
ones in the Dem
There was Runge
also
proud as h
light, Runge an
germans. Runge
fight from room
There was Beffo
our
to ## front at
and then take h
back. Bruce Co
of signal, voic
He took the lin
foxholes and ha
Could alert the
Madison, Eugene
in Normandy..^f
in. I stood up
man machine gun
starbed past my
Forest Wayne, F
until we got ba
when some of ou
I was laying in
with his left a
a direct hit wi
even touched, n
was so much tha
was not many of
that little scr
plus a trk driv

I don't remember
memories I can s
lump in my throa

Raymond Geddes
503 Overbrook Road
Baltimore, MD 21212-2102
(410)-377-6583

Dear George:

I feel I can call you by your fi
been close by 51 years ago.
wounded. The reason for thi
i saw something in probabiy
had contacted them. One o
course I had no idea where h
Here is the story - I was in
I jumped at 0125 -- the reaso
way out of my chute with my
eventuaiiy found myseif in a
one of which must have bee
the road toward town I was c
he signalled at something ah
bend the 4 or 5 Germans we
Bulieis were flying around. I
Legere -- just opposite of me
cans or something where he
work on him. I remember th
The next thing i knew, Hohi,
rolled over siientiy. I caiied t
coupie times with no answer
As I said before -- one of
have appreciated knowing a
immediate. I don't believe h
after the German garrison su
accounts I read later are co
troops.
Just a little personai info th
but we never were in piatoon
A.Mi. I got nicked in the ieg b
SCR-300 for LtCoi. Ewell, w
I guess it was 11.30 AMi o
on the roof. A number of us
piece of it (which i stiii have)
medic in the ceiiar of the hou
he was wrong. i won't bore
with the 501st. They were a
best!
A friend's son who is intere
Normandy." i'm reading it a
house i referred to above. A
I would guess that it is time
would like to say that I read
can be improved. I especiai
into them.
The 101st was a greai divi

I'm proud to have been a p

[I came upon this letter as I
appropriate for your docume
asked in our recent phone c
first dead enemy soldier? an
apparent that Geddes and I
crawled past the same deac
the time I moved forward aft

501st Parachute Infa

SSgt John N. Adamchak
T/5 Thomas R. Alcott, Jr.
Pvt Kenneth L. Alexander
Maj Richard J. Allen
Pvt George A. Alley
★Cpl Eugene Amburgey (DIED)
Sgt James E. Anderson (Supply
Pvt Richard P. Andrews (S-2)
SSgt Lawrence W Ardrey (KI
Cpl Thomas Arrey
2Lt James L. Asman (S-3)
PFC Richard G. Austin (KIA
Pvt Frank Baer (Demo)(KIA)
Pvt Scover G. Bailey
Pvt Michael Balducci (KIA)
★LTC Robert A. Ballard (DIED)
★A. L. Barrett
Pvt Albert J Barrs (Demo)(D
1Lt Foster G. Beamsley (DIED
★Pvt John E. Becas (Demo)
PFC Fred J. Becker (S-2)(DIED
PFC Frank C. Bedisky
Sgt Bedford H. Biles
T/5 Henry J Billings (Died
Pvt William J. Bishop
PFC Norman Blanchette (KIA
Pvt Maurice F. Blodgett (KI
Pvt Eddie E. Blood
★Capt James J. Bogart (S-2)
PFC King J. Bogie
Pvt Richard H. Boland
PFC Charles B. Bonner
Capt Gerald P Boscher (Dent
★1Sgt Sinai J. Bordeleau
★1Lt Lee J. Bowers (Demo)
Pvt Robert D. Bowman
Pvt Emmett D. Bradley
Pvt James W Bradley (Demo)
PFC Freddie Brannon (KIA)
PFC Jorge J. Bravo
Pvt Harold J Brisco (Demo)(
★Pvt Charles R. Brookman
Capt Frank L Brown (Pfdr)
SSgt Leon W. Brown (KIA)
Pvt Waldo J. Brown (S-2)
Capt William G. Burd (KIA)
Pvt Lewis C. Burns
T/5 Stanley E. Butkovich
Capt William H Butler (DIED)
Pvt Harold J. Butterworth
1Lt Arthur L. Cady
Cpl William R. Canfield (S-2)
★Michael J. Caprara
Med Paul Carlson (DIED)
★Pvt Laverne W. Carlson (DIED
Sgt John Connelly (Band)
Sgt Eugene Deibler (Band)

PFC Waylan "Pete" Lamb (Dem
Capt Carrolus Lancaster (Me
Pvt Elmo Lanier
PFC Sam P. Lapin (KIA)
Pvt Joseph V. Larusso (Demo
Pvt Tommy Laughinghouse (Died
Pvt Charles W. Lee (KIA)
*Pvt Clarence D Leffler (Dem
PFC Irvin L. Lloyd
*Pvt David Lovell
*Pvt Eugene H Madison (Demo)
Pvt Donald E Malcolm (Demo)
PFC Daniel H. Malinowski
Pvt Tony J. Manganelli
*Pvt Ralph K. Manley (Demo)
Pvt Roy L. Marshall
Pvt Roberto H. Martinez
Pvt John F. Mason (Demo)
Pvt Walter K Mathias (Demo)
Pvt Charles N. Maurer (S-2)
Pvt James W. McDermott
Pvt Russell M McGahan (Dem)
Pvt John McGinnis
*Pvt Ralph K McMullen
Capt Joseph T. McNeeley
Pvt Robert D. McNier
Capt A. F. McReynolds (KIA)
1Lt Werner J. Meier (IPW)
PFC Edward L. Meyer (Demo)
Sgt Herschel D. Mhoon
*PFC Wilbur D. Mills (Demo)
Pvt Damon P. Moles
*Pvt Daniel J. Murphy (S-2)
Sgt Glen L. Nesmith
Pvt Loren G. Nestor (Demo)
Pvt Elmer A. Neuman (KIA)
PFC Robert C. Niccolai (S-2)
Pvt Dale E. Noble (Demo)
Pvt James C. Norris (Band)

Most of these names came fro
winners for the Normandy and
members of the 101st Airborn
names are underlined.
Our first book, D-Day With T
men who served with the 501s
Richard Allen, Colonel Howar
Ballard, Sgt Biles, Lt. Bowe
B. Cook, Elroy Huwe, Captain
Our second book, just out in
the fighting around Veghel,
the dike with 1st Bn. fighti
2nd and 3rd Bns. up on the d
the grenade throwing back an
in the same ambulance which
Nijmegen where "Geronimo" di
Sayers and Dave Smith of S-2

3rd B

NOR

Dear George:

Thank you for yo
overdue for whic
jects on which I
causes, pushed e

By way of backgr
Company during t
Brown was the CO
to England, I wa
in that position
time at Bastogne
uated to England

Regarding the me
letter, I think
Waller and Olend
were killed whil
Willemsvaart in
Those listed as
ping a German ta
tion of Erp--thi
and Volango (che
ly killed in tha
Milonas was kill
I can't shed any
I remember them
killed.

I hope you don't
you need it back

My best wishes i

T/5 Richa

Dick Rowles se
days in Bastogne
He wrote: "I w
I got hit two da
"I am not sure
I was hit and th
Gregg and I were
tank was hit and
lieutenant and m
back to the rear
(I am going to
around the two D
her neck. The se
which was the fi

PFC Samu

The following
after his buddy,
range problem ne
friend.

"In August we
France, but Patt
we prepared for
(Tornai, Belgium

"The morning o
101st was to jum
land to a point
other side of th
to take Arnheim
and headed for H

"We crossed Br
minutes later (a
our plane this t
out. I was to re
the door. Johnny
the bundles and
crew looking bac
faces.

"We jumped abo
had a short skir
town but thats l
road beside a ca
bank. Johnny, Mc
the road and a t
Jerries (paratro
an attack at our
were). I don't k
lost half of my
bridge and there
support, attacke

"We were in Ve
Later we had Bri

It was rough in
strength), kille
On October 4th
of the river acr
the British Dors
D-vil Division.
this time I was
get to see much
couple hours fre
sleeping in a Du
a couple of fell
Johnny and all t
because I was no
shot the breeze
them. I was nick
aid station and
evacuated to Eng
had only been at
out to Bastogne.
E for quite a wh
was killed. They
moved into line

MARSHY
FLAT AND MARSHY
MARSHY
MARSHY

George E. Koskimak
13914 Edmore Drive
Detroit, Michigan

February 9, 1966

Mr. Walter M. Turk
290 N. Jefferson
Richland Center, W

Dear Walter:

Mary thanks for yo
certainly unique o
on information if

Three people have
sure the informati
well as a great ma
of the battalion c

I am hoping you wi
come up with a clu
Toupeville. In w
There was a T/5 Wi
back of Rendezvous
went out in search
time he was listed
medic in your outf
each other a few t
guy. He was wound

Your Jack Urbank i
in the last few we
Tayler made a tree
sore about being l
was General McAuli
cause I have a des

Bill Kopp states t
you say he is from
If I knew for sure
of those cities ge
machine gunner.

Would you know any
function on D-day
headed Irishman wh
whereabouts of Les
in Holland).

Am sending you a 1
help.

1. Name Mr. Walter Turk
rank on D-day?
belong? G/Company of th

2. Can you recall anything
for the mission, weals,

3. What do you recall of y
Cherburg Peninsula?

4. Did anything occur as y
went blank for me. W
a dent in my helmet.
5. What was your drop like

6. Did you encounter any d
describe:

7. What did you do once yo

8. Did you find any other
call:
How many of those can s

9. What was your particula

10. Did you accomplish your
101st!!!!!

11. Who was the officer in
Kreager Co. Comm.
many men did he collect

12. Describe as best you c
As you probably rem
we were able to move
(If you aren't ha
you'd like to know. C

13. Do you recall the weath
particular day? No

14. Can you recall a
pany of D-day?
remember if he

15. Do you know anyo
near Pouppeville
time?

16. The following ne
of C Company. D
that you knew we

- Luther Knowlton
- Virgil Dunforth
- Ralph Manley
- Ben [illegible] Stephens
- John T. Urbank
- Fred Orlowsky
- Walter Turk
- McIntyre Aiken
- F. K. Morrison
- Mike A. Rielly
- Buford Perry KIA

Dear George,

Yes, I did used
just south of Barabo
workers employed at
lived there for six
About all I can
"Ike" stuck his head
good luck. And away
ran into all the fla
was platoon comm. se
thing I remember wht
I heard was the Lt.
I heard him, I did k
ache. Upon looking
I must have been hit
After we landed
up squad members. He
kicked me I moaned s
He and one other bud
night. I talked lon
Germans, I guess the
I owe my life to Fre
his name that is.
We must have be
were to take was fou
I well remember
about the way it hap
There is one mo
shipped back to the
don't remember any o

Mr. Orris M. Wanger
Corp
Item Company

Beline Herbert
he was 1st Lt
also Michael E
a Springfield
seems like Buf
also seem like
or Carrington Ver
hospital togethe

Recall my com
days we worked
the Railroad yard
are, Ke bells - Ke
we were pinned
times by a burp
1st scout at the
but in the stom
and the output
taken out by Je
in a hospital
Hellcat and
Sorry my

Name: Mr. John M. Bacon
your rank on Dugway?
did you belong? How Company

1. Can you recall anything
nor the mission, meals
The preparation
while the were

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?
when we but
were separated

3. Anything occur as you

4. That was your jump like
two, but landed

5. Did you encounter any d
describe: Couldn't

6. What did you do once yo
till two Germans
stick

7. Did you find any oth
recall Ed Henderson
How many of these men

8. What was your particula

9. Did you accomplish your

10. Who was the officer in
Lt. Herbert as
many men did he collect

11. Describe as best you ca
Of all the ac
Two planes —
got hit Sergeant
Col. got the Di
gun emplacement.

12. Do you recall the name
particular day?

13914 Kinmore Drive
Detroit, Michigan 4
May 7, 1966

Mr. John M. Bacon
815 Jay St.
Ogdensburg, N. Y.

Dear John:

I need your help ag
much luck with your
guy from G Company.
I don't remember no
Some of the names o
of officers that yo

Three planes were s
from G Company (I h
the two survivors).
tablish which compa

Very few of your pl
from [illegible] Company
reported seeing Cap
Headquarters Compan
ville. Did you loo

On the 22nd of this
meeting. Larry Fli
and it might help m
twice to Fred Nilan
moved twice. Rober
no shape to write.
lined. Perhaps wie
company on D-day.

Check the names on
on D-day. If you r
then begin work at
five officers on D-
platoon assignments
radio operators? D
this list you shoul
stick.

I'm depending on yo
can get added mater
so far. I want to
in this way I feel
on D-day. We know
the trick.

Thanks [illegible] again for

TRANSFERRED 1/N.C CPNP ARCCAII

Lt. Paul M. Cote (KIA)

1/Sgt William Goodseit

Reginald Y. Alexander WIA

John M. Bacon** WIA

Joseph A. Black

Gordon Bray**

David G. Boyd

Cyril D. Carr

Jack L. Carter

Charlee B. Cover

Fred J. DiPietro (KIA)

Eugene F. Floyd

William O. Frietoe

William I. Furlong

Lester R. Garfoot

William W. Goodseit

Joseph P. Harrington

James L. Hodges

Alan M. Jones

Joseph S. Jones, Jr.

Ralph H. Knapp

George L. King

Paul Magna

Francis M. Milani

Howard D. Miller

Fred Mueller (KIA)

Wallace E. Pariseau

Maurice A. Philpott

Walter R. Pier

Melvin B. Rich

Lee O. Logan

Joseph S. Steliga

Robert W. Williams

Raymond J. Smith

William W. Selby

Milburn H. Young - KIA 9/5

John D. Stewart

John E. Long

H C

* C

Lt. E.

S/Sgt J

Joseph

Fred J.

Robert

Zane L.

Elmer L

Odell K

Robert

Robert

Winifre

George

Paul H.

Clarenc

Leo J.

John H.

Thomas

Charles

Robert

Myron H

John L.

George

Carroll

Ronald

George

Robert

Willie

Thomas

Leonard

Vincent

John L.

Leroy H

Kenneth

Gale L.

Joseph

Myron L

Charles

THURMAN

WILLIAM

WARREN

ELEN

Can you add to this roster whic
Most of the names which are und
they became members later, exce
Alexander. Captain Stanley cam
Cap after names you know were K
panies such as Roswurm who beca
ter. Can you give me any D-day
pated? - Jess or signal m

Alfred Cedroni
843 Byron
So. San Fran

Norman Markee
Route 3
Idaho Falls
Idaho

Gordon Bros
709 Pioneer St.
Ukiah Calif

Joe Calicchia
603 W. Highland
Roma Ala

Myron Jensen
Hays
Kansas

John Stuart
1019 Rue Lane
West Chester Pa.

Robert Welch
425 Somerlane
Trenton Pa.

Leonard Morris
Collinsville
Conyngham Pa

[redacted]
Stan Szyz
2935 Cleveland St.
Lorain Ohio

Name: Mr. John Nicholas
your rank on D-day? Sgt
did you belong? 2nd Bn

1. Can you recall anythi
for the mission, meal

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?

3. Anything occur as you

4. What was your jump li

5. Did you encounter any
describe:

6. What did you do once

7. Did you find any othe
recall: Lt Col
How many of these men

8. What was your particu

9. Did you accomplish yo

10. Who was the officer i
many men did he colle

11. Describe as best you

12. Do you recall the name
particular day?

13. Do you know the names
John B Ellis

14. Did you know any medi
who was killed by a
Legere who was the a

Axelrod, Louis Capt (Aux
Baker. Delbert
Bar. John F.
Bauer. Lloyd
*Baldwin. Kenneth
*Ballard. Lt. Col. Robt
*Banfield. Steven J
Baughn. Allen L.
*Beach. Eugene
Beal. James B.
*Beaver. Richard
Beckman. Leland
Bell. Robert
*Bever. Bruce
*Bice. Harold C.
Bireh. Claude R.
Blair. Virgil
*Bottomly. Maj. Raymond
Boutwell. Cloyce D.
Brassard. Arthur J.
Briggs. Joseph
*Broyles. Frank
Buckles. Camille
Burke. William
Carleton. John J.
*Carlson. Harry
Carroll. Vincent
Cefalo. Louis J.
Cia. Stephen P.
*Coffee. Harry Jr.
*Cook. Gordon Jr.
*Cottrell. Howard J.
Counts. Lyman
Courtney. James
*Coyne. George
*Cranford. Fletcher
Cubine. Mario
Cusic. Charles
Czuprynski. John
Deylin. Jack
Dellero David
Dennewitz.
*Dennis. Warren
*DeHere. Virgil
*Derber. Glen
Dietz. Andy
Doss. Coney
Dorval.
Douglas.
*Doyle.
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*Dumont. Frazier

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Ft. Wayne
Kingsbury
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Rapid City
Wash D.C.
Troy
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Mr. Lyman A. Hur

Hqtrs Co - 2n

1. Name Eugene Amburge
Member of which unit

2. Please circle campa
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3. Did you parachute in
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4. Were you acquainted
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If not, do you know
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7. If you were a member
at Lee Barracks?

8. Do you know any of t
List any you know

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10. Can you recall the co
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11. If you were a member
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JAMES G. DUGGINS WAS THE MAIL BOY FOR THE REGT HQ COMPANY. HE IS NOW A photographer for THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE IN WASHINGTON DC. I hope he can remember

Name Eugene Amburgey
your rank on D-day? Sgt
did you belong? Regt Hq

1. Can you recall anythin
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belt, wooden

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3. Anything occur as you

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9. Did you accomplish you

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Mr George E Koski
13914 Edmore Driv
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr Koskimaki

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Hq & Hq Co, 8th I
APO New York 091

Dr. F. E. Carrel
209 S. Columbia
Frankfurt, India

Dear Sir:

I am presently wo
Division on D-day
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D-day?

1. Name Dr. F. E. Carre
Member of which unit

2. Please circle campaig
borne Division

3. Did you parachute int
job on this mission?

4. Were you acquainted w
airman, or sergeant

5. If yes, can you sup

6. If you were a member
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If not, do you know
these actions?

7. If you were a member
at the interview

8. Do you know any of th
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9. Do you know the name
to survive the war?

10. Can you recall the co
as for food, weapons

11. If you were a member
call a soldier named
he survive the war?

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Taylor. I have him t

12. If you were sent out
of July, how did you
flight?

13. Approximately how man

14. Who would have known m

1. Name Dr. F. E. Carrel
To which unit in the r

2. Who were your ranking

3. What impressions have

4. How many men from your
ber?

5. What was your landing

6. What was your mission?
Did you complete it?

7. Did you join Colonel
back to the coast?

8. What was the terrain l

9. Were you a member of a
If yes, describe the a

10. Describe any of the hi

11. How did the day end? Fo

12. Is there any comm
Hoover group?

F. Bruce Cook
808 South Helena
Anaheim, Californ

Dear Sir:

I am presently w
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former division
veterans of the

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Dear Mr. Cook:

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questionnaires.
brother-in-law w
burg Air Force B

1. Name Mr. F. Bruce C
Member of which unit

2. Please circle compet
borne Division.

3. Did you parachute in
Sicily on this mission?

4. Were you wounded?

5. If you were, please give
[illegible]

6. Do you have any
[illegible]

7. Do you have any
[illegible]

8. Do you know the name
he survive the war?

9. Are you receiving any
[illegible]

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12. If you were sent out
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Name: Mr. F. Bruce Cook
your rank on D-day?
did you belong?

1. Can you recall anythin
for the mission, meals

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?

3. Anything occur as you

4. What was your jump lik

5. Did you encounter any
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6. What did you do once y

7. Did you find any other
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How many of these men

8. What was your particul

9. Did you accomplish you

10. Who was the officer in
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many men did he collec

11. Describe as best you c

12. Do you recall the name
particular day?

Name Frank A Szczepk
your rank on D-day? Pv
you belong? Hq & Hq Co - S

1. Can you recall anything
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2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?
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7. Did you find any other
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9. Did you accomplish you

10. Who was the officer in
- Was h
many men did he collec

11. Do you recall the name
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12. Describe as best you c

13. Name your company comm
sergeant, company clerk
Captain Burd - C
Sgt Winsow - Sgt

HEADQUARTERS

Thomas R. Alcott, Jr.
Robert Alderman
James E. Anderson
Joseph W. Aitken, Jr.
Richard J. Allen (X)
George W. Alley (Comm)
Eugene Amburgey
Robert J. Anas
Edward D. Anderson
George Aprile
Wilford A. Aubuchon
Carver G. Bailey
William M. Bailey
Robert E. Barns
John E. Bacas
Andrew J. Barnhold, Jr.
Clyde C. Becker
Andrew L. Ball, Jr.
Carl H. Biles
Louis J. Bisset
Frank A. Blinn, Jr.
Charles D. Bonar, Jr.
Lee J. Bowers (X)
Robert D. Bowman (Comm)
Emmett D. Bradley (Comm)
John E. Brandon
George C. Breeding
Cmd D. Broderson
Charles R. Brockman
Waldo J. Brown
John V. Bruno (Comm)
Oliver J. Bruns
William H. Butler (2)
Old J. Butterworth
ard A. Calcott
William R. Canfield
Chael J. Caparas
apt. C. E. Carlson
Maj. Francis E. Carrel
Frank B. Castiglione
Curt H. Cartledge, Jr.
Arthur J. Causey (Com)
George H. Childs (Com)
John E. Clohaesy
Richard Cody
Cecil Collins
Junior Coleman
Francis B. Cool (Dem)
George L. Breeding
Claude F. Cornell
Linville L. Crawford
William J. Cronin (Com)
Arthur M. Cook

Donald D
Henry B.
Eugene C
Robert D
Clifford
James R.
Gerald L
Donald L
James G.
William
Justin B
Thomas D
Freeman
Kenneth
Edward B
Nicuport
Jeff F.
Paul D.
Robert H
Tulmage
Ernest L
Carmen C
William
Ted Full
John E.
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John W.
Thomas M
Joseph C
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James M.
Thomas J
Donald A
Raymond
George G
Anthony
Orland P
Rodney R
Lyle G.
Manuel H
Thomas S
Robert S
Duane H.
Donald B
Jack Hoe
Howard E
Elroy V.
Leonard
Col. Hen
Edgar K.
Thomas J
Louis J.

(X) Officer. Underline men who
should be there, please add.

James E Stafford
215 Cnay St
Topeka - Kas

George
S

1. Name Kenneth I.
Member of which unit w

2. Please circle campaign
borne Division: (No

3. Did you parachute into
job on this mission? _

4. Were you acquainted wi
wiremen, or message ce

5. If yes, can you supply

6. If you were a member o
were you with Colonel
involved in any of the
If not, do you know ar
these actions? _____

7. If you were a member o
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Colonel Gallagher.

8. Do you know any of the
List any you know: ____

9. Do you know the name
he survive the war? ___

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PFC Laverne Carlson

Dear George:

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from high school

George E. Koskima
13914 Edmore Driv
Detroit, Michigan

Col. C. E. Carlse
8th S & T Bn.
8th Infantry Divi
APO#111
New York, New Yor

Dear Colonel:

If you are a regu
have noticed from
help me gather in
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of cantaloupe, and again [illegible]
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and sat over by the well, [illegible]
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an open cab, and with [illegible]
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BG Francis L. Sampson
Deputy Chief of Chapla
Department of the Army
Washington, D.C. 20310

Dear General Sampson:

Much has happened sinc
about D-day. I've pla
the 25th Anniversary o
on June 24th and we sh
our way back through t
to visit is Audoville
responded to my questi
I can write about them
is of interest to note
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present town pharmacis
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I have a few questions

1. Chaplain Kenneth En
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2. Were you quite well
from the Los Angele

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4. LTC Clair D. Hess.
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lain and a medic fo
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bilities in Engle a

4. Two 501st medics we
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pany). Harbaugh wo
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our unsung medics.

5. Leo Charpentier was
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enemy soldiers to g
not located him. D

6. Frank Styler and I
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a job? He never me
the war? He [illegible]
[illegible]

Leif A. Riseth
Carl D. Ancell
Cpl George Atchison
Capt Bruce Axelrad
T/S Raymond Barton
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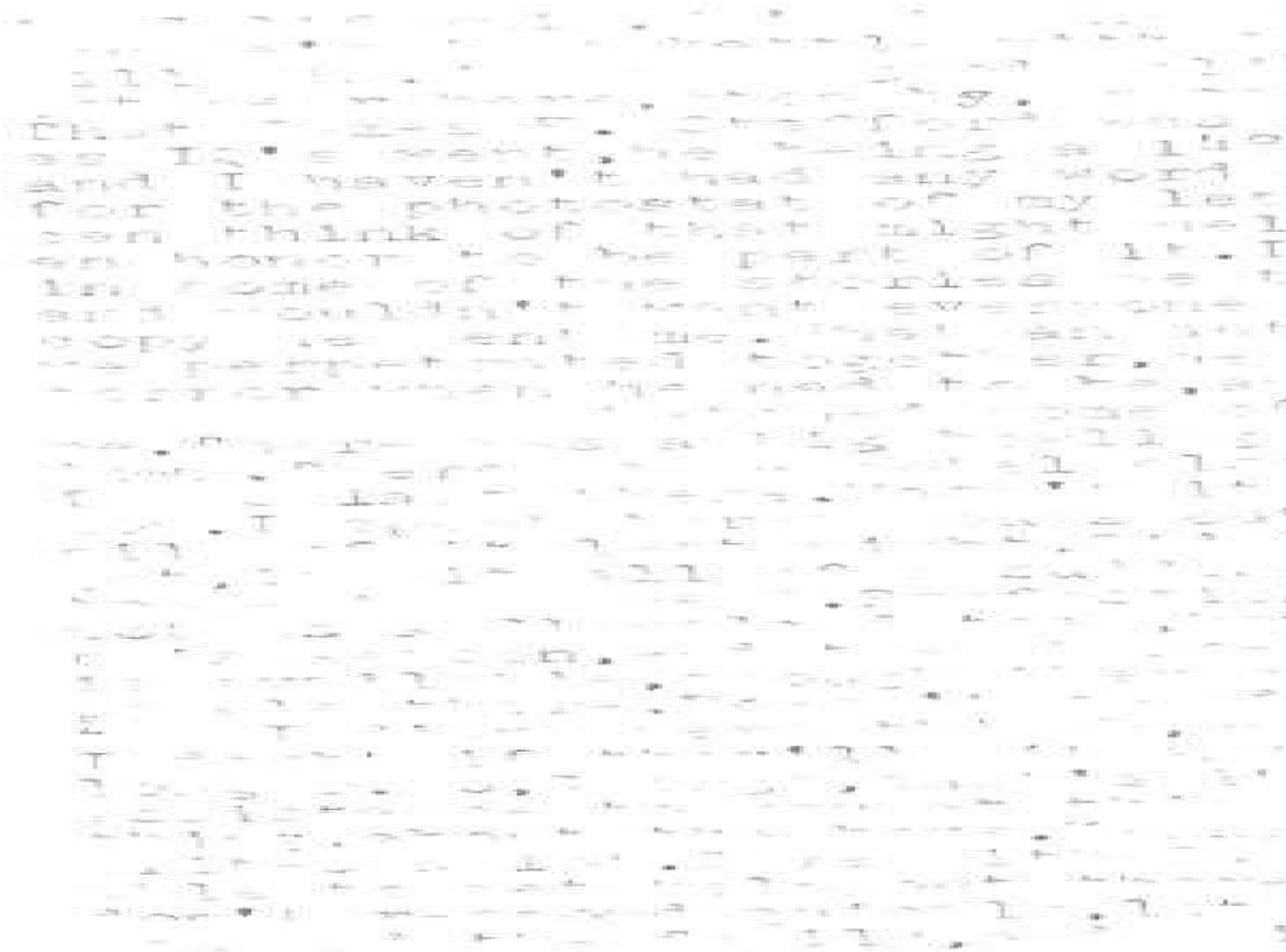

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feel to die?" "I wond
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-et myself out of the
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just what they could d

3. -s we approached th
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-nd it seemed -s if ev
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boys were crossing the
so I began to repeat t
shall not wait".....
s new courage. Just
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4. -s I stepped in the
always assumed that it

LONESOME TRAVEL,

WOUNDED AND ALONE ON THE GROUND

4. I didn't count, so w
was to busy saying Psalm
wait"..... (The opening
became aware of a new so
hung on a clothes line
the canopy!!" Boy, these
that entered my mind.
coming down in a pasture
top of a cow, that was
spilled the air from the
At the instant I hit the
side, then it was gone.
though I didn't realize
bad landing. (Where was
see any of the other guy
looking for Frank Colom
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lay in his chute, from a

5. (From I was out
straight a lite, not
as if nothing had happen
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few minutes. I gave up
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to locate where I was, m
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what may be in it, and

7. So, as I recall, also
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10 and 11. See question

12. I started around th
to good time, so I would
hit. After some time. I
called them comrades) a
some sort of a swampy ar
le a to. After some ti
opened up and I yed them
right in the spot, and at
my back. Jem jumping from
harness. I hobbled on,

12. (Cont.) Where he was
machine gun fire came fr
hour later, I was challe
was a Major with perhaps
men, and they were prepa
nest (perhaps the same o
to come along. I told h
up with them, and explai
than told me to stay rig
with a limp in my throat
caused from a bomb or art
stay here and wait to se
in easy reach, stuck the
armed the clips of am
handy, and decided to w
minutes. I heard voices
I just had that it was com
kept calling and calling
may be. I couldn't see
could help him, when the
trick. After he called
Troopers, but didn't wait
easy trooper, I am here
you." The knowledge that
as there was no more cal
one of the hole to see
there was a medical of
did, when I decided to
when a machine gun opene
in the hole and layed fl
the same thing happened.
explode, some one must h
by this time the Co. ma
up to then, and the Co.
troopers who had be a cal
going anywheres, so you
bone, and give him a shot
not being a medical man,
in pain.(he was out cold
"How can I tell where he
his cheek bone, and when
then give him a shot." W
and let us. Considering
check counter ing, so wi
always break out in a swe
I took a cigarette or more
carefully expelling any
to introduce a bubble of
and expelled the morphine
after in, as the contracting
him the second shot, I no
their rifles at the ports
troopers, and as they ca
ways from my section, I
to see them!!!! With
being informed that I co
station, which was about
consider taking my patien
made a make shift stretch
and this were quite pe
worried, as I knew fleet

12. (Cont.) [illegible] a hill between them, [illegible] when [illegible] were shut thr[illegible] took a "pot" shot at u[illegible] flopped to one side. B[illegible] center of the road, hu[illegible] before. There was abo[illegible] spotted the sniper, as [illegible] was cancelled, with el[illegible] just flew apart, and I [illegible] come flying out of the [illegible] killed in silence, and [illegible] last to line, after I [illegible] before, he had tried t[illegible] I must say, that God [illegible] caring for me all the t[illegible] aid-station without [illegible]

Note to George: I don[illegible] don't know if you can [illegible] really no mission t[illegible]

13. Capt. A.G. Gurd--Co[illegible] 1st.Lt. Sinnil Gord[illegible] Lt. Steve Pullis--[illegible] Pvt. James Hughin--[illegible]

The others, I recal[illegible] was with the Co.

Never George.

Received your note, and [illegible] of the men from the [illegible] your tape. I still [illegible] in the situation, and [illegible] me know.

My wife read my story, a[illegible] spelling, and punctuation re-phrase it, add to it, [illegible] thou bts and reliance [illegible] turn it away. I just re[illegible] it's terrible;; You [illegible] help (or confuse you) yo[illegible]

I enjoyed the re-union v[illegible] over to this pu[illegible] me up. Good luck on the [illegible] I will be one of the [illegible]

Write soon, when you fi[illegible]

P.S. Let it rest. It was killing them. That's over. Forget it.

Mr. Elroy Huve

501st Parachu

1. Can you recall anything

2. What do you recall of

Colonel Ferrington?

Maurice Besso

Lt. Pulzis

HEADQUARTERS

Thomas F. Alwell
Robert Alderman
James E. Anderson
Joseph W. Allen, Jr.
Richard J. Allen (X)
George W. Alley (Como)
Eugene Amburgey SHERIFF
Robert J. Ames
Edward D. Anderson
James Aprile
Clifford A. Aubuchon
Roy C. Bailey
William M. Bailey
Lewis L. Burr
Donald Bo
Henry B.
Eugene C.
Robert Be
Clifford
James R.
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Donald L.
James A.
William
Justin B
Thomas D.
Freeman I
Kenneth K
Wilbert L
Raymond
Terry F.
Paul R.
Robert H.
Penny
Talmage
James
Carmen
William
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John E.
John Pur
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Moses M
Leach
San Cato
James H.
Thomas J
Donald
Raymond
George M
Anthony
Orland
Sidney
Wade O.
Lowell
Thomas
Robert
Duane
Kenneth L

Lt. Emmett Brockway PFC.

Raymond Geddes
503 Overbrook Road
Baltimore, MD 21212-2102
(410)-377-6583

Dear George:

I feel I can call you by your f
been close by 51 years ago.
wounded. The reason for th
I saw something in probably
had contacted them. One o
course I had no idea where
Here is the story – I was i
I jumped at 0125 -- the reas
way out of my chute with my
eventually found myself in a
one of which must have bee
the road toward town I was
he signalled at something ah
bend the 4 or 5 Germans we
Bullets were flying around. i
Legere -- just opposite of me
cans or something where he
work on him. I remember th
The next thing I knew, Hohi,
rolled over silently. I called t
couple times with no answe
As I said before -- one of
have appreciated knowing a
immediate. I don't believe h
after the German garrison s
accounts I read later are co
troops.
Just a little personal info th
but we never were in platoon
A.M. I got nicked in the leg b
SCR-300 for LtCol. Ewell, w
I guess it was 11:30 AM o
on the roof. A number of us
piece of it (which I still have)
medic in the cellar of the hou
he was wrong. I won't bore
with the 501st. They were a
best!
A friend's son who is intere
Normandy." I'm reading it a
house I referred to above. A
I would guess that it is time
would like to say that I read
can be improved. I especial
into them.
The 101st was a great divi

I'm proud to have been a p

[I came upon this letter as I v
appropriate for your docume
asked in our recent phone c
first dead enemy soldier? an
apparent that Geddes and I
crawled past the same dead
the time I moved forward aft

Sergeant Rober
of the 501st Regime
soutth of Carentan
zone. "We landed
days. I was Numbe
on the green light
delaying our jump
plane was headed b
was also the lowes
before we got the
was hit in the pla
Sergeant Bob
plane had been hit
Cpl. Abbie Webber,
Radioman Bill Elli
as those in the do
At least one of th
we broke down the
of two mountain pa
filled with medica
pack. We probably
bundles. There we
heard a small moto
very quiet. We di
recall one plane w
the searchlights o
activity was far a
plane lead of para

ing our wait
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we heard it a
ation."

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only cigarette
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Capt Waldman was D-day surgeon for 3rd Bn, did Capt Waldman write with you on until 1st Bn, Newspapers and Bronze came in after D-day, Capt Waldman was D-day surgeon for 3rd Bn, did Capt Waldman write with you on until 1st Bn, Newspapers and Bronze came in after D-day,

Clarence M. Sc
rank Capt
belong 2 Bn 5th

2. Can you recall anything
for the mission, medic
base doctor

3 What do you recall of
Cherburg Peninsula? B
" 1st of

4. Did anything occur as
Fire created

5 What was your drop like
Brief.

6 Did you encounter any
describe:

7 What did you do once yo
Civ. or Friendly
Supplies

8 Did you find any other
all Yes

9 How many of these men
10 What was your particula
2nd Bn, 5th

11 Did you accomplish your
Yes

12 Who was the officer in
many men did he collect
Maj
describe as best you
Went through
Found
Found
Did you
Then

extend thru

Luther

?

Dr. Clarence N. So
1801 Broadway
Scottsbluff, Nebra

Dear Mallow Scream

Can you help me?
101st Airborne Div
account of the men
19th.

Perhaps you have a
letter you wrote w
comes to mind as y
your help. You mu
credit for his wor
cond the D-day lie

During my three ye
Company and parach
well L. Taylor
Gerald Higgins. I
battle of the Bulg

Much good material
Destiny. A history
available once mor
ation) another f
ting Gen S L A
or no mention in t
phases in this boo

Enclosed with this
will take the time
for me but you can
locate some valuab
much in the past 2
. THINDEF" if you
research for the a

All material that
be credited for it

Until yesterday,
the 501st Parachu
plied. I receive
which he supplied
you in their resp
A number of medic
they supply only
acts of bravery o
make sure the mat
over a period of

MEDIC

Mr. Wayne Walton
702 Columbus
Newton, Kansas

Dear Sir

I am presently wo
Division on D-day
books on the mark
former division
veterans of the

During my three
Company and pare
Will Taylor Du
Gerald Higgins
of the huge

Much good mater
Hesitty A histo
Brigadier Genera
little or no men
those phases of

Enclosed with th
hope you will ta
material for me
required informa
and new directio

All material tha
will be given cr

Dear Wayne:

Your name and add
Bay, Nevada as a
you were either a
including a 2nd q
may be that you l
wait for your ans

If your memory ha
been tremendous i
names and address

Do you remember a
which have never

I could tell
which I could tell
leaving a place fo

1. Name Mr. Wayne Walt
Number of which unit

2. Please circle campa
borne division

3. Did you parachute in
job on this mission?

4. Were you acquainted
wireman, or message

5. If yes, can you sup
Sorry can't re

6. If you were a member
were you with Colone
involved in any of t
If not, do you know
these actions?

7. If you were a member
at Les Forges?

8. Do you know any of t
list any you know

9. Do you know the name
he survive the war?

10. Can you recall the
as for food, weapons

11. If you were a member
call a soldier named
he survive the war?

who was later captur

12. If you were sent out
of D-day, how did yo
Liberation?

13. Names and addresses
Ken Moore, John Nickl

14. Do you recall the na
John O'Ca

Capt. Aylesworth, Capt.
carrol, Roy Barton

1. Name Mr. Wayne Walt
To which unit of reg

2. Who were your rankin
Sorensen, Asst Br

3. What impressions hav
opposition across chan
wall facing Balan
a Just before

4. How many men from yo
remember) two

5. What was your landin
landed with
Patrol along with Sgt
and several wounded

6. What was your missio
Did you complete it

7. Will you be
depth, how far did
at the first
with Inf. Just
swam to the
we gathered up
giving mine
Proceeded with
while we were
there was a
was shot one
as fast as he

10. Do you recall any in
should describe in t

11. How did the day end
Germans in no man
German Patrol just
to Eldon and

12. Do you recall any fo
group on D-day?

Bur

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Mr. George E. K
13914 Edmore Dr
Detroit, Michig

Dear Mr. Koski

I am replying t
I am sorry that
had some diffic

The two photost
by The News whe
humously awarde

Edwin Hohl's pa

Mrs. Fl
4364 We
Harris

Mrs. Fr
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Baltimo

Mrs. Russell, t
brother right u
reflect his day
canism, etc."
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of the book if

I hope this inf

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make that $60,000,000,-
ce hands.

ur Recent Frauds

nt weeks these things
ened:

n in New York City gave
in valuable securities for
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in Rochester bought a
unt of them.

New Yorker was urged
half a publishing house.
ty club, insuring prefer-
s of nylon stockings when
se available, sprang up
ork.

four cases — innocent
the surface — have two
common: In each case
y has been stopped. Each
a timeworn fraud.

lies began the customer
interest in the yield of an
part [redacted] very eighth bar-
its monetary equivalent,
by the drilling company.
rtain productive capacity
f the well — if there is a
es it a highly-speculative
t.

e Partnership Gyp

partnership scheme, a
moter goes after a buyer
interest in a going con-
sells as many "half in-
s possible in a week or
and skips town.

r priority clubs, many of
rate illegitimately, cap-
he inability to buy scarce
se. They collect a sery-
r putting the customer's
a list for a new radio,
r, washing machine or
duct. Even "victory va-
ave been promoted. But
for priority clubs that
uarantee when the mer-
will be delivered or at
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ion to the education pro-
the Better Business Bu-
nding offer to any indi-
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on in its securities-viola-
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to a
son,

Mr. George Kosk
13914 Edmore Dr
Detroit, MI 482

Dear Mr. Koskim

I am sorry I to
the day I left
perusing my old
my medic who wa
Although I was
very vividly, h
though Pfc Will
(I don't know i
name. Sgt. Sim
remember.

As I recall, th
Bn.; only enoug
station. In vi
in first aid an
medical-aid man

As far as my pe
concerned, I'm
by now, and tha
time.

Sl
le

Show veteran's full name an

Dr.

1. Name ~~Mr.~~ William J. W
rank on D-day? Captai
belong? 3rd Battalion

2. Can you recall anything
for the mission, meals,
struction as to the geo
but also were given com
felt we were receiving

3. What do you recall of
Cherburg Peninsula?
was beautiful with a fu
the tremendous number o

4. Did anything occur as
tracer bullets until we
blown up when ammunition

5. What was your drop lin
suddenly speeded up (d
us to the back of the
ing to return to the

6. Did you encounter any
describe:

7. What did you do once y
Germans in the area

8. Did you find any other
call:

How many of these men

9. What was your particul

10. Did you accomplish you
that night.

11. Who was the officer in
Lt. Col. Ewell . Wa
many men did he collec

12. Describe as best you c
After wandering around
I met a soldier from th
of the 501st. Shortly
to Div. Hq. at Hiesvill
or thereabouts, and the

13. Do you recall the name
partimlar day?

Have any of these peop
you have a current add
tact with those gentle

Major Francis Carrol
Ray Barton (2nd Bn. at
Blas Valdon (1st Bn. a
Hector Rousseau (2nd a
Kenneth Oliver (3rd Bn
Dr. David Kingston
Pvt. _____ Calliha
_____"Bud" Harboug
Dr. Robert B. Jacobs (
Hank Rossetti
Wayne Walton
T/5 William Price - KI
Pvt. Hasel H. Price -
Cpl. Harold K. Nolley
Eddie Hole of Buffalo,
Sgt. William C. Grant
Robert Wright (2nd Bn.
T/Sgt Owen Lewis?
Kenneth Moore (2nd Bn.
S/Sgt "Bunny" Simmons?
Capt. _____ Axelro
Cpl. _____ Hambru
Sgt. Richard D. May (C
Robert Reynolds
_____ Green (med
_____ Bohn (not
Fr. Francis Sampson (a

One man from 3rd Batta
shortly before dawn.
Pouppeville by Lt. Lut

The names provided for
Robert C. Barger (Capt
you sir!

How many medics were u
each line company for

INDIVIDUAL ACTION

Item 5. Cont'd

I dropped near St
was hit in the sh
of the excellent

Mr. Ken Oliver
3201 Buckwell
Bakersfield, C

Dear Sir:

I am presently
Division on D-
books on the m
former divisio
veterans of th

During my thre
Company and pa
well Taylor
Gerald Higgins
of the Huge

Much good mate
began [illegible]
Brigadier Gene
little or no m
those phases c

Enclosed with
hope you will
material for m
required infor
and new direct

al material t
will be given

Ken:

Your name and
former 501st m
naire I have p
know which D-d
ing informatio
medics and com
are Ken Moore

A young 501st
Pouppeville.
as to his iden
had just come
had been broug
Battalion medi

1. Name Mr. Ken Olive
Member of which uni

2. Please circle campa
borne Division

3. Did you parachute i
job on this mission?

4. Were you acquainted
airmen, or message

5. If yes can you sup

6. If you were a membe
were you with Colon
involved in any of
If not do you know
these actions?

7. If you were a membe
at Los Banos?

8. Do you know any of
what eng you know

9. Do you know the nam
he survive the war?

10. Can you recall two
as for food, weapon

11. If you were a membe
call a soldier name
he survive the war?

our stick as Genera

12. If you were sent ou
or D-day now did y
light?

Please tell us a
just sign the answer
Please return to Jon
contact us will ma

13. Do you know the name
Kenneth C. O
Staff Sergea
6th Bn 3rd

Name Mr. Kenneth Oliver
your rank on D-day? SG
did you belong? Medic, G

1. Can you recall anythi
for the mission, meal

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?

3. Anything occur as you

4. What was your jump li

5. Did you encounter any
describe: I saw

6. What did you do once

7. Did you find any othe
recall: I can

How many of these men

8. What was your particu

9. Did you accomplish yo

10. Who was the officer i
. Wa
many men did he colle

11. Describe as best you

12. Do you recall the nam
particular day? Y

13. Did you know a medic na
abouts? Very well m

14. In our serial of planes
personnel. Do you know
last seen

15. How many of the followi
on D-day (they are list

Luther Knowlton
Virgil Danforth
Ralph K. Manley
Ben F. Stephens

16. Do you have any current
the war? Only the

17. Do you recall a medic n
was later listed as MIA
among Honored Dead. Th

18. Can you add first names
Lewis, S/Sgt Bunny

Again thank you for you

Sorry that

Dear Ken:

Last night when I r
top team in the las
the personal foul r
looking on) I found
Harold Nolley in Ir
information and his
hadn't replied by I

We had a nice 25 mi
of the medic who wa
of your George Comp
the guy came from E
stated that both me
most of the medics
by the line warrior

Since last writing
who went out looki
MIA for a long time
Rendezvous with Des
this stir any of th
well. He is presen

I am writing to Bil
morning to request
in you people. I h
satisfied with all

Thank you again for

1st

Bast
Hall
Norm

1. Name Mr. Donald Cast
rank on D-day? SG 7
belong? G/501st Parac

2. Can you recall anythi
for the mission, medi
SESSIONS ... W
ON THE MENU ...

3. What do you recall of
Cherbourg Peninsula? I
WENT OVER T
TO THE WATER

4. Did anything occur as
ACHED.

5. What was your drop lo
HARD OPENIN
THE WAY DOWN

6. Did you encounter any
describe: SEE P

7. What did you do once
RIFLE AND

8. Did you find any othe
call: JOHN T. WA
IF I WERE CA
How many of these men
SURE ABOUT

9. What was your partic
THE AREA AR

10. Did you accomplish yo

11. Who was the officer in
LT. BARKER

12. Describe as best you
LOST CONTACT
SIGN AND FIGUR
HIESVILLE - BU
HOUR OR SO.
TO SOME 32ND
ATTACKED BY
THE FARM HOU
WERE CARRYING

13. Do you recall any
particular joy? I'VE
BEEN TOLD

14. Did you know any of
on Iwo Jima? How many
personnel? ONLY S
I DON'T RECALL
Can you re[illegible] PERSONNEL THAT W
from Calif[illegible] FIRST PLATOON
15. Can you recall the
from California rec
NAME TO ME
HAS BEEN

16. [illegible]er over a year now
medic who was killed
major legions, the a
Company medic. Ca
possible leads? Det
ME THAT I
A MEDIC R
AID. A POS
F. GEDDES.
THE WAR.
EYE WAS
I DID NOT
2. SO THIS
I HEARD.
JONES SGT.

On the 20th anniver
having breakfast ar
of the occasion bei
and said, "If you a
experiences as a pa
you forget all the

That was enough t
the time an aunt se
a freshman in colle
the four lines allo
jotting down for fi
the actual diary in
the 101st Airborne
from message books
might be useful in
friend (now my wife
time-wise as a good

Shortly after re-
home, I received a
write the history o
With Destiny which
asking if they coul
have blabbed that I
not to be done by s
to Washington litti
to introduce each n

As mentioned ear
notes into the regu
in England or Franc
surrounded by eleme
the cellar of the b
headquarters and th
message I had just
December 22nd. I n

Signal Company bud
became aware of th
received and respo
statement. Headqu
which was a promis
in the area which
I returned to m
diary notes and pu
destroy them by ea
not take place alt
for the next two w
In the back of
correcting a misco
book, The Longest
with a group of 10
Marshall whose boo
General Marshall I
in which I was one
two who had parach
locate the assembl
field bordered by
was challenged by
French that he had
hit the dirt. Memb
(burp guns) throug
officer lobbed a g
in the direction w
about the remark m
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was from the G-3 s
elected to go back
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stepped on a dry bl
noise to me was alm
From time to time t
and I felt complete
shadow of the hedge
had been challenged
effect on the enemy
from the earlier en
Anyway I found the
two were waiting. I
three separate dire
the assembly area t
gathering place. I
group. I explained
his staff officers.
and having no compa
from. That was the
and my 101st friend
I stated at the tim
account.

So the diary and
for me to accept my
I planned to wri
general's radio ope
It was to be geared
wife and were both
equipment was dropp
means did we have c
darkness of night.
I had corresponded
came down in blue,
they find the bundl
made many more nigh
one.) Then, having
would describe some
receiving several c

relived their own b
mares about combat
these letters to my
compared to what I
told her I was swit
these men and get e
teacher I decided
battalion, company
D-Day action. I dev
them in developing
of them sent the na
provided current ad
interesting account
20 some years after
Center in St. Louis
rosters of most com
were involved in th
were destroyed in
After putting the
company, I sent the
introductory letter
along with a a map
participated. I am
role in getting the
information. Seein
memory cells provid
and buddies. Some w
never returned to t
buddies listed as
of these men who kn
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--I made a list of
on the 50-plus rost
them in numerical o
wartime address (as
list looking for AS

theirs. With these li
Library going through
course of two years I
men. About 40 percent
local phone directori

For all three acco
mately 1,300 men. 518
Normandy book, 612 fo
and 530 for the Basto

I was fortunate to
Capt Frank Lillyman w
trail blazers. Col. M
piloted the pre-dawn
of the 101st lost his
fractures to his legs
from each of the para
the chapter titled "A
surgeons and enlisted
chapter on "The Scatt
Higgins who was our c
forward to the D-Day

The second and thi
Day book include a ch
on interviews I did o
row country. I was ab
what the troopers had
Holland book to have
Highway questionnaire
to English. It (the b
people who still cele
Our members continue
people, many of whom
decorate them on thei
is true in Belgium to

My files which wer
period of 38 years co

with the 101st at som
past ten years about
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late date we are stil
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"K's Korner" in the b
Airborne Division Ass
hundred men in the fo
for familiar names. T

William M

Name Mr. W. W. House

your rank on D-day?

you belong? (Medic?) C Co

1. Can you recall anythi
for the mission, meal
I was very much
also I remember

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?
heavy bombing
a jeep I was

3. Did anything occur as
" to Jay
night we go

4. What was your jump li
good jump - S
holding a cou

5. Did you encounter any
describe:

6. What did you do once
by Sandom

7. Did you find any other
you can recall: Joh
Sgt Christ

8. How many of these men

9. Did you accomplish you

10. Who was the officer in
Was
many men did he collec

11. Do you recall the name
finders from your outf

12. Describe as best you c
after John Lucas
from assembled
in a ditch su
on our way
out through
a field as
from RAP - We
a RAP doctor

13. Name your company comm
sergeant, company cler
Sgt. Philly
Sgt Buckley
Sgt. White, m

3. held my b
stop right
was right a
talked wh

4. Juniress a
by the sig
& crashing.

12. Gonna s
load & u
you & me
Baby we

on although when
finish us off I
They had closed
the hedgerow. A
gun fire, a lieu

"We just fi
Kraut lieutenant
away and once ag
now, somehow man
managed not to g

"The chapel
Lieutenant Johns
group were taken
town was St. Geo
remember it."

"Schwartz
captured. I told
hands of the Jer
I don't know if

POW

(POW)

Rte 1 Box 87
Stevenson, Wash 98648

Name Mr. Albert Hathaway
your rank on D-day? [illegible]
you belong? A Company –

1. Can you recall anythin
for the mission, meals

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?

3. Did anything occur as

4. What was your jump lik

5. Did you encounter any
describe:

6. What did you do once y

7. Did you find any other
you can recall:

8. How many of these men

9. Did you accomplish you

10. Who was the officer in
was h
many men did he collec

11. Do you recall the name
fenders from your outf

12. Describe as best you c

13. Name your company comm
sergeant, company cler

FIRST SERGEANT

Robert F. Eddy

STAFF SERGEANTS

Joseph A. Cherny (KIA)
Walter R. Lloyd
Frank W. Sciaccotti
William J. Timmons

SERGEANTS

Richard P. Dawson (KIA)
James D. Edgar
Michael C. Finn
Wilbur R. Hippler
Richard Ketsdever #
Michael J. Martin
Robert C. Meyers
Thurman H. Owens
Daniel L. Sanders
Buford Thornton
Herbert A. Tubbs #

TECHNICIANS 4TH GRADE

John R. Allen
Richard V. Amman

CORPORALS

Eldon L. Crotts, Jr. (KIA)
Chester Garretson (Pfdr-KIA)
Henry W. Gregorski
Axel D. Hansen, Jr.
Leslie Harris
Wallace S. Holloman (KIA)
Thomas A. Jenkins
Norbert H. Rector (KIA)
Orris M. Wangen
Michael Zelicskovics

TECHNICIANS 5TH GRADE

Crawford H. Carren
Arthur P. Nash (KIA)
Eugene A. Walsh
Theo M. Wiltshire

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

Thomas H. Baillie
John A. Berry #
Albert I. Blessing (KIA)
Lloyd Brown
Lawrence R. Burgoon (Pfdr)
Albert Canteau (KIA)

This roster is prepared from
have current addresses for t
of the others? I don't know
the Bulge but have him liste
others? Platoon leaders, ope

Mr. Leslie Harris
Cor
Item Company

14. Did you know any of
on D-day? How many
personnel?

15. Can you recall the n
from California reca

16. For over a year now
medic who was killed
Major Legere, the as
G Company medic. Ca
possible leads? Det

1. Name Mr. Joseph A. Kn
rank on D-day? T
Division? G/501st Parach

2. Can you recall anythin
for this mission, maybe

3. What do you recall of
Cherburg Peninsula?

4. Did anything occur as

5. What was your drop lik

6. Did you encounter any

7. What did you do once y

8. Did you find any other

9. How many of those were

10. Where was your parachu

11. Did you accomplish you

12. Who was the officer in

13. Anything else you want

1. We had quite a fe
We made our own entertain
and putting on a stage sh
2. Colonel Johnson g
what he was going to do t
in Holland. It was a moon
when we hit the coast we
then I remember the Jumpm
and we would leave him.
the green light came on a
3. We missed the Dro
4. We came in very l
the ground. It seems to
took me two days to rejoi
not find any of my stick
up with some guys from th
5. No, outside of so
6. I went to the edg
to show up, but none did.
7. No
8. I can't remember.
9. Our objective was
Germans from floodong the
company. (Not me)
10. Lt. Sumpter Blac
remember if he was our St
11. I am sending you
across.
12. On D-Day I had s
groups of Germans on my wa

13. Capt. William W.
Leader was LT. Sumpter Bl
who was killed in etion.

I was wounded in the
States, January 1944, so
Bruce Pessyl was with me
Belgium.

I don't know if this
remember, except that aft
we moved back to CARENTAN
and held there until we w

(NMI)

Name Dr. Robert [redacted] Blat
your rank on D-day? Ca
you belong? Medical Deta
Battalion S

1. Can you recall anythin
for the mission, neala
General Eisenhowe

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?

3. Did anything occur as
Moderate amount

4. What was your jump lik
Low! Some ground fi
our unit. Our best

5. Did you encounter any
describe:

6. What did you do once y

7. Did you find any other
you can recall: Eigh
plane; none of the

8. How many of these men

9. Did you accomplish you
to establish a Batt
my Assistant Battal
in learning how the

10. Who was the officer in
Battalion Com. , was h
many men did he collec

11. Do you recall the name
finders from your outf

12. Describe as best you c
We were captured d
where other prison
estimate the total
U. Johnson who was
who was wounded wa
1st Bn, 501. Shor
further east and L
prisoners and held
of guns at Utah Be
thence to Germany.

13. Name your company comm
sergeant, company cler
Oflag 64 in Szubin
CO Col. Carol; Exe
My Section Sergean

You may be interest
happened to get tog
with our units as p
designated D—Z. The
small arms fire see
in that direction t
time later I heard
we were to assemble
this sound I was ch
of four or five sol
of us had assembled
a young cow.

Best of luck in you
the publication of

Albert Dickson Hu
Priva
Medical De

briefing- Colonel Johnso
alone in twilight watchi

2. What do you recall
Cotentin Peninsula?

3. Did anything occur as y

4. narrative

describe. see attach

6. What did you do

7. Did you find other
you can recall:

8. How many of these

9. Did you accomp
attached narrative

10. Who was the officer in
many men did he

11. Do you recall the names
finders from your outfi

12. Describe as best you ca

13. Name your company comma
sergeant, company cl
see attached

Cpl _____ Aagard (Rgt :iq
Leif A. Alseth
Carl D. Anesll
Cpl George Atonson
Capt Louis Axelrod (2 Bn)
T/5 Raymond Burton (E Co) Co
David Buswitz
Roger A. Battaglia
Hans A Blunkenship
Capt Robert Blathenwick (1 B
Paul J. Brunetto
Ralph Bryslee
Capt Lewis L. Bogner (CIA)
William Boyer
T/5 John Berlin (KIA Bsday)
James E Byrd (KIA) B Co
[illegible] (prisoner
[illegible] (replace)
[illegible]tion (2nd Bn) Service
Phillip E. Carrol (CIA)
[illegible]
[illegible] (3rd Bn) (replace)
[illegible]
Robert Davis (3rd Bn)
[illegible]
William F. Dorick
[illegible]
[illegible] Fay
[illegible] Franklin
[illegible] Grant (3rd Bn
[illegible]
[illegible]
Paul J. Hoge
Maynard L. Goodman
William V. Goolsby
James N. Gunrino
George Haegel (2nd Bn)
Clyde M. Hambruch - (3rd Bn)
Cpl Bob E. Jenkins (E Co?)
Francis L. Jorbaugh (A Co)
Irving J. Kegel
Donald E. Kendricks
[illegible]
Harold Kinbaird (D Co) (KIA)
Walter L. Koover
T/5 Edwin G. Kohl (D Co-KIA)
Henry A. Kurtlex (3rd Bn)
Laurie E. Kurtzman
Capt Robert L. Kutcher (3rd Bn)
Robert L. Lee Johnson
Capt Thomas H Johnson (1 Bn)
* Dead.

Edwin Kohl was killed a few
was hung up in a tree. Berli
Hibbard and Price were conve
Lt. Johnson were captured on
addressed for all the
any of the others? Kn

Mr. George Koskima
13914 Edmore Drive
Detroit Michigan 4

Dear Mr. Koskimaki

I was pleasantly s
information on the
and I wish you eve
best means of givi
23 years. I joine
December 1942, and
clerk, and was thr
time, I either ass
making out the mor
names on your list
not have been in t
copy of the list r
by those names tha
reconnize, I do no
may help you some.

Cpl. George Ato
a T/Sgt., and alwa
aid man. I think
Roger A. Battag
in personnel as co
was from Michigan
Paul J. Bruscat
Edward Boyjian
Conrad
Paul Carlson -
Blanchard Carne
D-Day. From Balti
Daniel Fitzgera
doctor after war a
Sgt. William C.
Joseph Hoosack
Donald J. LaBar

T/Sgt Owen Lewis -
Sgt. Peter Lamb

Robert Langen
Albert D. Hutt
Edward McCullo
accident in 1952
ately prior to de
after Normandy -
Einar M. Olson
sent me by Robert
Northwestern stat
Daniel Pulber
phone directory. S
Frederick A. S
Rusch?
Reaghoss L. Pusch
Harlow Rapp -
Robert J. Reyn

Sgt. Robert E.
A & M prior to wa
S/Sgt. Arnold
Frank R. Spran
in Miami and Clev
Harry Strubel
Edward Teeter
Leo J. Charpen
Sgt. Les Edwar
Furta

My stick dr
Drop Zone D, and
Came nearer turne
would not collaps
creek, mostly und
dranged near the
was too tired and
believe to be Pau
pulled me up on s
fell asleep. In
shook me awake, and
or PFC's. Withou
decided to dig in
of trees in the ha
The other area in
obstacle was a wi
One man swam accr
we started pullin
the center. Four
noise to the rear
it was Germans, b
another cricket a
Bn., 501st, from
six of us, all pr
for the night, he
regimental object

necessary. He had a do
Carlson and Sims are th
We had to use the rope
was headed. We were pr
Douve River. to the so
joined up with two othe
We had been moving alon
landing spot when we ca
marshy area we had been
to continue, so after a
couple of other medics
the injured. I do not
This was where I would
the area as best I coul
sitting like an island
a road led to the house
hundred yards in three
and the road and trees
cover to anyone approac
cannot remember whether
to Vierville where the
there before the regime
the events that occurre
may be off on the time
of special interest to
going. The French fam
some point these people
Capt. Louis Axelrod, S/
Robin Pledger, Engles a
Pvt. Carl D. Ancell and
non-combatant personnel
wandered in, and one of
an eye patch for him. a
horse, with the farmer'
an hour. Later that da
been ambushed, and he w
man. When we moved out
second one on the edge
house. He was still we
that Capt. Axelrod and
riding in a wagon. I c
house or another point,
shaken by their experie
6th that a line of peop
east of the house. We
injured, but not too ba
to tell if the people i
someone finally decided
guess, for Sgt. Edwards
window and we couldn't
everyone there, each ha
or hit the ground as th
Sometimes we would see
could be sure whether t
next day when a group o

field, and reported the
and I took our single
young German, about 19,
Getting him back to the
wade several creeks to
all of us made friends
day we left for Viervi

It was proba
that some Germans start
the house. I do not kn
brisk exchange of small
officers and one sgt. t
The fight went on for
if I ever knew. The me
the main living room in
the firing. Besides Ha
who could not fight. H
staying down when we wa
side began to run low o
a good fight, could not
It reached a point wher
were still fighting, an
neck (he thought he was
not enough to cover the
herded us into the cour
They were pretty excite
having any cover, and h
small arms. I first no
command but the group s
only a matter of a minu
and after a few words,
had spoken up for us.
hundred or so feet down
ditch. He was lying in
but he also had a large
The Germans seemed to t
known how scared and un
buddy in the ditch to c
and while someone was c
the ditch with me and
the wound was, and when
We got him on the litte
to the house. At the c
The wounded German lear
say about the treatment
Charpentier, said he wa
bandage. They had to
with the group. By the
in the court yard. He
very courteously. Capt
on a slight conversatio
wounded fellow from the
Germans know so they wo
hopeless. The German
care we were giving his
had shot them in the f

take my identificatio
name engraved "Albert
and said "Herman." I
and after a few trie
me Herman. We both l
But the Germ
us to stay there, wit
This included the lie
fighting. The sergea
battalion. About twe
they were gone. They
with the two or three
combatants, had been
In reviewing
RENDEZVOUS WITH DESTI
written reference on
tured the groupd I wa
were seen approachin
of that page. From
it developed that the
and was overwhelmed a
had been wounded at t
into the aid station,
Capt. Axelrod. As so
the German commander
officer on the other
Douve River. It also
paratroopers.
Also on pane
the 1,500 enemy troop
From your co
Medical Detachment, I
is where O'Callahan
Sprankle. I do not r
body, or was relatin
Another epis
of men at the lock.
gave a great deal of
recall. This sergean
was on the scene and
vein.
It was also
to-hand encouter with
of a knife. But it

Going back to the far
was probably on the a
one wandered in and s
Engle wrapped Hans de
three other dead Germ
the wounded that coul
a large chateau at or
number of dead German
along a ditch at the

must have been a ter
years later. ocurred
prisoners.

Walking to
seeing Father Sampso
man slung over his
Brigadier General, D
him here briefly las
Sermon at the Citade

At the edge
which the army enjin
rolled it in place a
and two other medics
being completed, and
thing that went ahea
when he visited ther

I have put
fashion, as best as
that would help you
best to knock this o
to send letters out
for an answer.

There is an
Edward McCullough fr
he was killed in an
ing a small address
up in 1945. It prob
may be of some value
letters, maps, etc.,
my wife knew it was
letter came. It loo
apart to find it, bu
value, the will be s
any other informatio

I will be i
get back for the reu
me more than to see
out about there fami
send me the addresse
What is the status o

Again, let me know i

A. D. Hutto
541 Harbor View Circ
Charleston, S. C. 29

Vierville

Carentan

Name Mr. Richard E. P
your rank on D-day? Pvt
you belong? Headquarte

1. Can you recall anythin
for the mission, meals
his jump knife fro
He was going to st
the night was done
2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula? P
over again) Someon
of helmet for use.

3. Did anything occur as
plane going down.
a helluva lot of f

4. What was your jump lik
near a hedgerow an
tion of the flight
blow it and we wer
5. Did you encounter any
describe: I cut myse

6. What did you do once y
toward rest of sti
I asked him where
7. Did you find many other
you can recall: We fo
to arrive. About 7
felt our mission
8. How many of these men w
Gazia got it in Ho

9. Did you accomplish you
because we didn't
medic along by the

10. Who was the officer in
Sgt. Burgess. Was h
many men did he collec
11. Do you recall the hands
again with Ollie B
flanders from your outf
Sgt. Alderman was

12. Describe as best you c
See the sheet whic

13. Name your company comm
sergeant, company cler
1/Sgt Phaegley; Cp

Grandma Wilson had
guys razzed him an
sound and they wou
his horn on the se
end noticed the bu
voice "Whose bugle
his gear and then
first thing he got

We left our musett
ut unemcumbered.
a lot of aid equip
Needless to say, w
was the only one w
The little bugger
it over to someone
days later, real s
with us and the fi
gave me one of tho
smoked them down i

Charpentier was th
He went down into
clothes. He and t
bunch of German so
ble information.
had a food truck.
blow up the kitche
cut the telephone
had happened. This
for our move on th
that they had move
to tangle with the
around the area an
a freindly patrol.

Grandma Wilson had
guys razzed him and
sound and they woul
his horn on the sea
end noticed the bug
voice "Whose bugle
his gear and then j
first thing he got

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ut unemcumbered. T
a lot of aid equipm
Needless to say, we
was the only one wi
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it over to someone.
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with us and the fir
gave me one of thos
smoked them down in

Charpentier was the
He went down into a
clothes. He and the
bunch of German sol
ble information. T
had a food truck.
blow up the kitchen
cut the telephone w
had happened. This
for our move on the
that they had moved
to tangle with them
around the area and
a freindly patrol.

Major Patrick Lindsay

My recollections of t
we had. It was reali
breakfast along with
I remember the sand t
he would do, even dow
We spent a leg of tim
I remember most disti
burned bark from the
--that of Colonel Joh
if you ever come acro
The trip acress the c
t-rns and then the be
the open doorway, th
reflecting off the w
were air sick and an
the air closed in on
a 4th of July nightm
The plane was hit by
was hit in the leg.
mum speed and at an a
which had been planne
I was running as fas
feathered preps slam
opening sheck which
Instead of the land
low me. I tried to
I tried to manipulat
not ceeperating and

slip to slip toward
soft gummy bottom.
afloat with all my e
chute and acting as
appreximately 150 ya
75 feet of the shore
parachute harness of
I removed my helmet
like a boat near me
deep breathe and ge
that my helmet was s
from it, stuff it ba
the fastenings, come
water. I must have
less it was. I imag
nally realized it wa
out in the lake whe
of those who jumped
able to get rid of t
jackets.
After perhaps a half
to work my way slowl
troopers along a rai
before dawn. We cle
the flooded area and
tall reedy grass bes
from the roadbed. W
the Russian Georgian

were at least a doze
prebably with the mi
intact, they started
fire on them and get
the track. We proce
opposite direction.
and began moving tow
maps and learned tha
which was located ju
locks at La Barquett
Hughes was the first
platoon. Pfc Haas
the only ones I knew
quarters and a coupl
knew. We moved on t
walking down the asp
road when we noticed
the deuble going nor
vicinity of St. Mari
hedgerows to observe
were--lined up in cl
officer in front and
group and dropped me
At 1500 we joined fo
an 82nd lieutenant.
bleck abeut ene mile
1700, we saw a long
beach. The lead ele

went over and confer
elements of Colonel
Division.
The decision was the
Mere Eglise. The mi
into a valley and th
this was great fun r
hundred yards before
direct hits but were
not a single trooper
place of a helmet ha
in record time and d
the last time I rode
with the 8th Infantr
Ste. Mere Eglise. I
for the first 90 hou
proceeded east towar
made it back were Lt
In recalling somethi
great medics in the
was always risking h
to take a job in the
We had one radio in
man. He became firs
Since World War II,
off in Hawaii to vis
officer of A Company
in 1964 we took a be

Captain Paty had bee
pilot had panicked a
landed, the whole st
in an area where a l
the Germans as the e
the troopers ran out
the rest wounded. C
twice in the lower a
in various stalags.
third one in escapin
I also ran into Gene
from the 3rd platoon
In June of 1964 whil
Orangeburg I spoke a
gence officer and th
in Bastogne. Captai
ton since the end of
2nd platoon officer
executive officer ur
Gibson is another pl
Hopper, Lewis Moore,
and Carlson.
(When I contact him
the old battle sites

Name Frank C. Carpenter
your rank on D-day? Pfc
you belong? C Company -

1. Can you recall anythin
for the mission, meals
briefing we received.
the operation I still r

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula? Th
who were airsick. The
long remembered. The f
benifit.

3. Did anything occur as
to be in order, plane s

4. What was your jump lik
thought I was coming do
two feet of water. I ca
in the middle of the ca

5. Did you encounter any
describe. As I look ba
chute. It was so much
chute and stored it in
cut my webing when it d

6. What did you do once y
came up to me and we tr
joined them. Came by M

7. Did you find any other
you can recall. Del S

8. How many of these men
Del Santo & Lt Jansen.

9. Did you accomplish you
for the locks and made
on the nottth side of th

10. Who was the officer in
towards daylight. Was h
many men did he collec

11. Do you recall the name
finders from your outf

12. Describe as best you c
I remember helping Sgt
the town we were near.
fought our way out and
supplies, we blew them
locks from the brige ar
across tha lock when a
the field were ready ma
Couple of patrols tried
The complete confusion
this helped us more tha

13. Name your company comm
sergeant, company cler
Robert H Phillips-C.O.
Sgt 1st Plat. John Arm

T/4 John Armstrong - Radio O
Sgt Elmer G. Arneson (With C
W. P. Ashmore ✔
Sgt. _____ Barney - Supply
Sgt. Henry V. Bealls -OPERAT
Lt. _____ Bennett - 1st P
John Bettencourt ✔
Lt. _____ Bowser (With CO
1/Sgt Marshall A. Buckridge
Adam L. Canupp ✔
Frank C. Carpenter - Radioma
John Cipolla ✔
Lt. _____ Daniels - 2nd Pl
William DeHuff ✔
Jules Duc ✔
Charles W. Elder ✔
Pvt. Frank G. Ficarotta (KIA
George Gama ✔
Pvt. Wilfred Gray (Bazookama
Robert R. Harwell (POW) ✔
Tom Holland ✔
Gene Acevedo - San Francisco
Frank C. Beck - Carrollton,
Larry F. Campos - Chicago (2
John M. Curtis - (3rd Platoo
Duke Day - Jacksonville, Fla
Ernie Derho - Mishawaka, Ind
Anthony S. Das - Chicago (3r
Pvt Stanley W. Del Santo (De
Charles W. Elder - Indiana (
S/Sgt Norman A. Engasser (N.
Pvt Peter L. Forte (N.Y.) KI
Wilfred Gray - Madison, Wis.
Flory Galus - Sarasota, Flor
Charles L. Gasper - Blackfoo
Bpb Hemminger - Chester,Pa (
Mike Humina - Reading, Pa. (2
James "Jake" Jacobson
John "Bones" Janzen - Milwau
Pvt. Robert J. Kahoun - Wis.
Albert D. Kulton - Winston,
Richard Madison - Sloan, Iow
Floyd H. Martin - Charlotte,
Cpl Thomas G. McNabb (Mass)
Cpl. Milton F. Nelson (KIA)(
Dan C. Olney - (3rd Plat) Lo
Kenneth G. Ryan - Painsevill
John E. Smith - Ironton, Ohi
John E. "Arkie" Thomas - Lit
Keith L. Thorpe (2nd Plat)
Marvin E. Van Buskirk - (3rd
Jack Weleh - 3rd Plat - Shre
Harry W. Ward - (3rd Plat) F
Floyd Wickstrom (2nd Plat) K
Nick Zerille - 3rd Plat. Ozo

Mr. Frank J. Carp
1437 E. 13 St.
Upland, Californi

Dear Sir.

I am presently wo
Division on D-day
books on the mark
former division a
veterans of the S
school biology in
write on their le
years.

During my three y
Company and paraq
Taylor during t
Higgins. I worke
Battle of the Bul

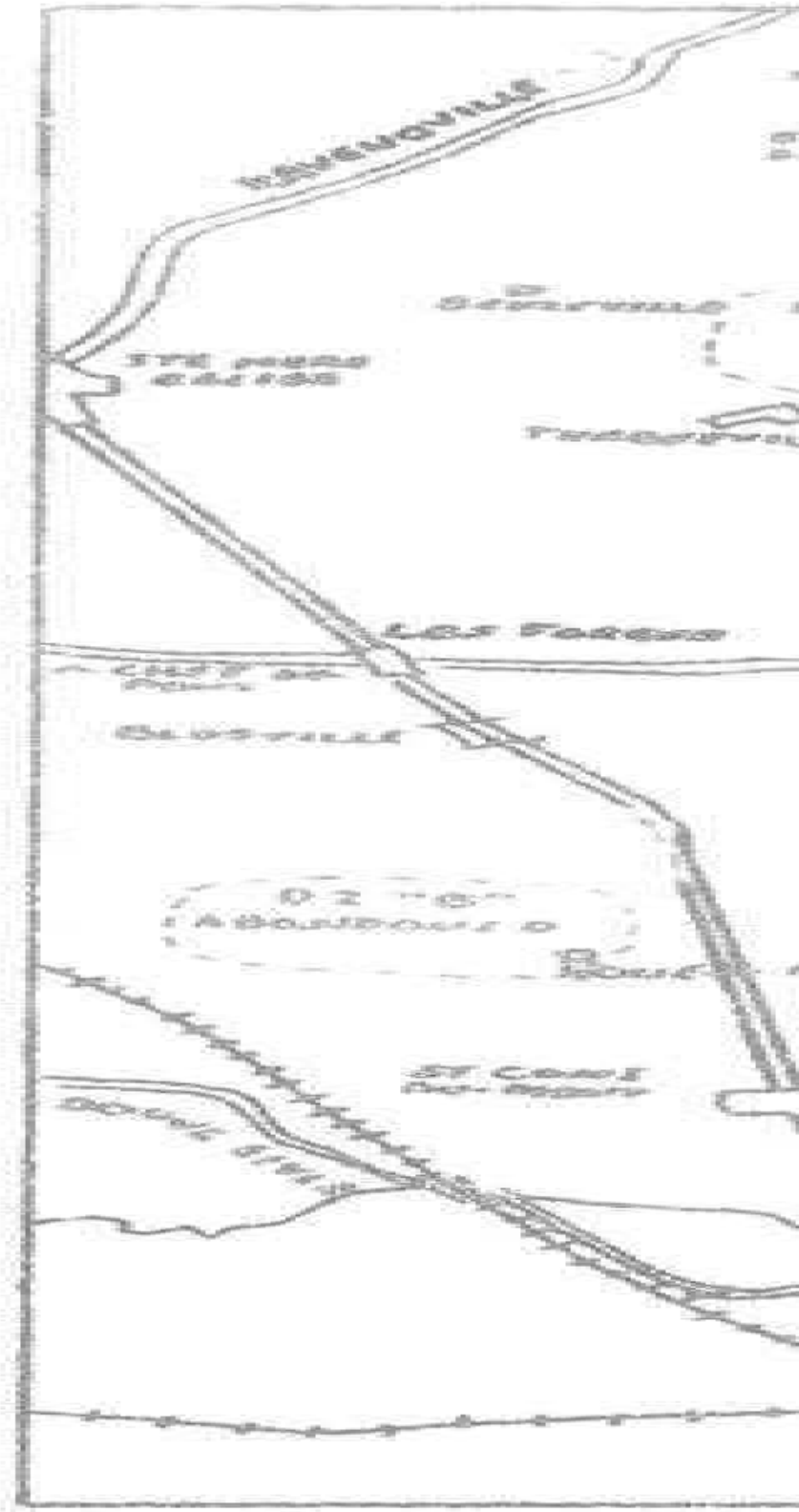
Much good materia
Destiny. A Histor
available once mo
ation). Another
Brig Gen S L
or no mention in
phases in this bo

Enclosed with thi
you will take the
for me but you ca
locate some valua
much in the last
D2C) if we lost o
search for the ac

All material that
will be given cre

I am working on C
newsletters I not
you never found h
the back is one f
ments but I don't
but no identifica
men, D-day or rep
help. Any little
contact from fift
of the events tha
job. Have writte

Mike Ruiz
416 16th St. N.E.
St. Petersburg, Fla.



Note: Perhaps this
location in relati
many dropped cotet
it is your D-day o
locations as ofte

Name Mr. Patrick Lindsay
your rank on D-day? S
did you belong? Able Compa

1. Can you recall anythin
for the mission, reads

2. What do you recall o
Cotentin Peninsula?

3. Anything occur as you

4. What was your jump lik

5. Did you encounter any
describe:

6. What did you do once y

7. Did you find any other
recall

How many of these men

8. What was your particul

9. Did you accomplish you

10. Who was the officer in
many men did he collec

11. Describe as best you c

12. Do you recall the name
particular day?

13. Do you recall the na
either in your compa

14. Can you tell me by p
D-day in Normandy?

James W. Barnes - Pe

Laverne Carlson - Mi

John L. Cooper - Per

X Nicholas Denechick -

William T. Landmark

John F. McElfresh -

Anthony Margietta -

X William Michel - Mic

(2) (cont'd) Sgt Knight [illegible] 3rd Squadron a [illegible] out, that is [illegible] knife and [illegible] without, engaged [illegible] looked up - [illegible] took, looked [illegible] was [illegible] the [illegible]

Mr. Patrick Lindsay
8252 Branch Road
Annandale, Virginia

Dear Mr. Lindsay:

I received a questio
day and I had includ
the ones who had bee
son (a friend of mi
Sipe, and yourself.

I just checked throu
dale sent me a quest
of the 501st. Are y
haps if you can't re
names of some others

Name: Mr. Robert W. Smit
your rank on [illegible]
you belong? Medical Detac

1. Can you recall anythi
for the mission, reall
2 The Big Bunker, and
2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?
landing Time was
very stiff, a little
but easy, I think
was a lot luck, and
The Germans thought he
were the first
3. What was your jump

4. Did you encounter any
describe:

5. What did you do once
immediately after p
7. Did you find any other
you can recall

8. How many of these men

9. Did you accomplish you
and get to our
in the time frame
10. Who was the officer in
Was
many men did he collec
11. Do you recall the name
finders from your uni

12. Describe as best as
After we assem
gathered all
To go down to
with them. It
back to our

13. Use your own any comm
sergeant company cler

Dear Sir:

I have been s
my Desk Door, a
some of the l
three years. I am

To Tell you
that during the
medicine, but was
summer. Have th
To This Co, Fresh
in the medicine,
of ~~the~~ Roble
original Tonic
water, with A
and also A Bu

Dear George;

Enclosed is s
book.
I beleive the
accurate.

Paty's stick,
up while in P.O.W.
contact James W, Ba

We had a Ro
as medic.

Nickolas De
pathfinders. They t

These men sh

Bejja
Clare
Ross
Eugen

John

M
Step

(I used t
the las
most n

GOOD

P.S.

WIS

GERONI

II. Lt Blackmon was
him till after t
collected.

I2.

Dawn of "D" Day
with officers and m
We ran into an enem
up the road which
Later trying to
of 500 men ,and aft
them to seek our un
we backtrack to wh
reason we split up.
around. If he was n
out on my own.
This I did goin
my plane came from.
I walked all a
And altnough there
person.
About 18 hrs
who had I5 wounded
hurt inside jump it

He informed m
but there was a en
as battalion size.
I was put out
guns.
At 1900HRS the
My gun being
a wall of fire, I
Then hearing
a machine gun five
ing two grenades on
in the ditch. I had
give it to the men
As I jumpe
we both fell backw
burp gun. That was
Looking p
on the road and I
was among them.
My captor
their radio or the
wire connection on
they were tired ou
The other
The next m
a German noncom su
I be shot, but the
life, although he

I'm sorry I
or places. Things

1. Martin J. Knafl
T/5

A Company, 501

2. Stay in marshaling
A bit more tense t

3 Flack was very hea

4. was I9 man in our
was last man. Lt.

we missed
told me to pass t
to come to the ca
green light, but h
Lt. Black
crawl up to the p
few words up fron
A few minu

(I found
pilot wo
when I t
were bac
I di
For 2I
was not
I never

5. I landed just as
wet landing as I
My mussete bag ha
it was my lap and

6. Had no trouble g

7. I looked for and
a large dent ac
was missing. Ha
not operate au

8. Found Sgt. Ada
wouldn't work.
name. If was c
the side o
I understand h
He was the onl

9. Our objective w
the Douve River
Lt. E. Craigi

IO. NO.

14. I beleive Capt. W
men:

1st Sgt. W
S/Sgt. A
Sgt. J
Sgt. B
F
T/Sgt. J
Cpl. G
Pfc. H
Pfc. R
J
G
I
G
I
I
G
V
T/Sgt. H

Lt. Sumpter Bla
following men;

Sgt Geo
Fe
All
Wes
Gor
Wal
Jac
Ki
Err
WM.
Thu
Fra
Bru
Edw
All
Ta
Ros
Max

The 20th man
I cannot remember,
Blackman knows

Name CARL ZIMMER
your rank on D-day? F
you belong? Co. A 60

Can you recall anythin
for the mission, meals
A JUMP INTO TH
A PEP-TALK BY Co

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?
THE HUGE INVAS
OUR PLANE SPEEDE

3. Did anything occur as
MACHINE GUN F

4. What was your jump lig
APPROX 200 TO 400
ONE TRACK R.R. APPROX 50 YDS
CAN NOT PIN POINT W

5. Did you encounter any
describe. WITH A
THE HARNESS - UNTAP
FLAMES CAME 30-4

6. What did you do once
ROW ASSEMBLE

7. Did you find any other
you can recall Jo

8. How many of these men
JOHNNY LEACH ME

9. Did you accomplish you
THE ROADS A
GROUPS - SE
BRIDGES WHERE

10. Who was the officer in
was h
How men did he colle

11. Do you recall the name
fighters from your out
PATHFINDER .
WAS SUPPOSED TO

12. Describe as best you c
LINDSAY - LEACH
MID-DAY HE HAD
CIRCUMSTANCE FOR LA
HAD TO RUN AS
THE LANDING ZO
ZONE - OUT POSTED
GLIDERS - HEAV
FIRE

13. Name your company comm
assignment, company clea
Co. CAPT. PATY

(These identifications were
departure for France.)

Sgt. George H. Adams (KIA)
1/Sgt. William Ammons (KIA)
Matthew B. Altamark
Ferrell E. Atkins
Alponsus F. Admoszyk
Walter E. Benton
Lt. Sumpter Blackmon
James W. Barnett
George A. Brown
Albert E. Barbour
John T. Burkett
Jack A. Bleffer
Frank A. Beller
Gordon T. Bell
Talmage C. Burrell
Kieffer Bohannon
Pvt. Ernest Brown (KIA)
PFC. Angelo G. Balliasis (K
Wesley W. Bates
Herman L. Bolte
1 Lt. Edley Creighill (KIA)
Paul A. Cannon
Anthony W. Capobianco
Quentin F. Clark
Pvt. Donald Colangelo (KIA)
Pvt. Frank C. Camerena (KIA)
Arthur Crespin
PFC. John W. Conn (KIA)
Albert G. Cox
Glenn Cook
George R. Chappelow
Samuel W. Carr
Chester A. Clark
Cepek, George E.
Frank D. DeLong, Jr.
Myrle, D. Denboy
Charles O. Duckworth
Nicholas Denorchick
Sgt. Leonard A. Davis (KIA)
Billie G. Daniels
Thurman H. Day
Pfc. Charles S. Emerson (KIA
Jacob Finley
Armando Fulginiti
Bruce E. Foss
John Fekete
Pvt. Joseph J. Fossee (KIA)
Ross W. Ford
Gilbert Furtado
Howard J. Fallon

Had responses t
but they were no

Dear George

I'm sor

boy to you.

little fuzz

I remem

drowned on

tell me he

and swallo

The Germ

fields facte

the fields

live, I bel

Mine where

looked in

his foot

went in t

bleeding
on a mis
together
& heard
their ot

Thes
friends
likeable

Than
kind at

P.S If you
contact me a
evenings. My

Dear George,

Perhaps I do re
to your previou
memoirs. Howeve
such a tour of
waste of time.
each day in the
and are still l
events, but, in
the flotsam and
nd forget what
wonderful boys,
alive only to y
Just as, I'm cer
Korea, will hol
I'm listening
says there is
to leave yester
neither can I l

I will never fo
of those boys l
all the rest bu
to live for now

I don't expect
your closed cou
what you are lo

Best regards.

I sent a questionnaire to Potsdam, New
close relative. Recall many years ago
old medical buddies. I've tried to tr
list for medics with about 50 addresse
Normandy in June to do some research w
Hutto yesterday in which he supplied a
Portland, Oregon. If not interested i
I won't be wait-
ing uselessly?

neither with medicines are em
a Effect this in the following
Stock within labeled with the
it but pick bleeding grinded by
since of is smoked from be

(Replace)

Mr. Robert J. Reyn

Medical Detac

Name Mr. Robert E. Schill
your rank on D-day? S
you belong? Medical Detac

1. Can you recall anythin
for the mission, needs

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula? E
THE LAND FLAT

3. Did anything occur as
SKY WAS FULL

4. What was your jump lik
JUST WANTED
IN AN IRRIGA

5. Did you encounter any
describe: HAD TO

6. What did you do once y
OTHERS

7. Did you find any other
you can recall:

8. How many of these men

9. Did you accomplish you
I REMEMBER

10. Who was the officer in
was h
many men did he collec

11. Do you recall the name
fenders from your outf

12. Describe as best you c
HOOKED UP W
CARE OF WOUNDED
FATHER SAMPSO
STAYED THERE

13. Name your company comm
sergeant, company clerk
SGT. RICE W

MEDICAL

Leif A. Aleeth - Milwaukee,
Carl D. Ancell - Moberly, M
George Atchison
Capt. Louis Axelrod - (Dece
T/5 Ray Barton - Crystal Be
David Baseitz - Bronx, N.Y.
Roger A. Battaglia - Grand
Bane E. Blankenship - Parse
Paul J. Bruzzato - Monroe,
Louis Bifideo - Bristol, R.
Capt. Leslie H. Bocher - Ric
William Boyer - Ardsley, Pa
Edwin H. Brookman - New Har
James T. Brennan - Bethesda
Paul Carlson - Addison, Ill
Francis E. Carrel - Frankfo
Robert M. Cheesbro - Locke,
Zelmah Q. Dekle - Waco, Tex
Michael S. Damewood - New C
Andre DeKeater - Austin, Te
William H. Donst - Belvidoz
Edward M. Foy - Clifton, N.
Robert D. Franklin - Rocky
William C. Grant - Allentow
Robert P. Galvetti - W. Wes
Jack J. Gehrs - Madison, N.
Raymond O. Goodman - Pronok
William V. Godsby - Lenoir,
James N. Guarino - New York
George Haegel - New Kensing
Luther W. Hardwick - Caspor
Ralph E. Hankins - Fayettev
Francis L. Harbaugh - Yuba
Ludwig J. Hugel - Almont, M
Russell E. Hendricks - Urbe
Capt. John Henningsgard
Walter B. Horner - Newton,
Walter W. House - Hamilton,
Bernard A. Bungler - Covingt
Edwin G. Jacobson - Elgin,
Capt. Robert D. Jacobs - De
Robert L. Johnson
Capt. Thomas U. Johnson - E
Leon A. Jedzniak - New Bri
Robert L. Koppe - Binghamto
William F. Koepelher - New
Capt. David Kingston - Aubu
Carolus N. Lancaster - Clov
Anacleto Leone - Detroit, M
T/Sgt. Owen Lewis
Calvin Lieberman - Redding,
Capt. Arthur B. Lunin - Hou
Joseph T. Madigan - Vienna,
Kenneth J. Moore - Fairfax,
Richard D. May - Howard Lak
Ljube Maricic - Averno, N.Y

Mr. George E. Kos
13914 Edmore Drive
Detroit, Michigan 48

Dear George:

Please forgive me fo
long time since you
being very busy. A
which I will stop doi

Enclosed is the ques
your wishes and you
clear in its contents,

This might help you
a member of the 326
also a member of 32
Normandy, I was att
Infantry Regiment as
Co. You see the 3
third parachute jumpe
be broken down into
the other two groups
speaking for purpose
garrison we would n
early in May 1944, t
down for attachment
group. When we ar
Medical Detachment
Co B, 1st Bn, Robe
I cannot recall which
Robert Barger. I n
same about the time
which newer came of
Barger. I do not re
am prone to agree th
some of the 326th Me
any additional informa
it on to you. I shou
letter for me. Typi
hear from you again.
for success in your

1. Name Mr. Blas Valdon
To which unit in the re
Second Platoon
2. Who were your ranking o
and Capt. John Henn
3. What impressions have r
of the time, I could se
encountered immediate
4. How many men from your
ber? About three.
after the ⊄ jump.
5. What was your landing l
land on DZ D (I thi
landed in a swamp We
Du Mont. I am not su
6. What was your mission?
Did you complete it?
remained of the Platoo
7. Did you join Colonel Ho
dash to the rocks? Yes
man and myself joine
after landing. About
more inwhich Col Joh
8. What was the terrain li
ground peppered with
several patches of wo
9. Were you a member of an
If yes, describe the ac
day from the vicinity
dug in around the br
10. Describe any of the hig
Johnson had difficulty
At one point, I reme
weighted down, I offe
of ammo and several
about ten of us in the
when one of the guys
~~Germans~~ Germans.
until they passed. Ha
not be here today beca
when I volunteered to
11. How did the day end for
to several wounded t
shelling.
12. Do you recall any forme
ticular group? I do no
Southern California
talked at the 1964 D
heard of or seen sinc
whom I knew in Co E

Appeal

appeal

1. Name Mr. Blas Veldor
Member of which unit

2. Please circle appropr
borne Division: N

3. Did you parachute int
job on this mission?

4. Were you acquainted w
wireman, or message c

5. If yes, can you suppl
no.

6. If you were a member
were you with Colonel
involved in any of th
If not, do you know a
these actions? Yes

7. If you were a member
at Les Droueries? Ye

8. Do you know any of th
List any you know:

9. Do you know the name
he survive the war?

10. Can you recall the co
ge for food, weapons
supplies what

11. If you were a member
call a soldier named
he survive the war?

12. If you were sent out
of D-day, how did you
lights? Yes

(Please fill this out to
just sign the sheet and
The material is for a bo
contributions will make

Re: Item 11. I
writ the 326
Renaud 326
Engineer in
was last seen
to take off

Robert Barger was
was in the
when a German
airborne Medical
in Kandrup
the 326th, who
Barnes, Keith
in San Francisco
Love his

If you wish fu
address in Nor

Enclosed is my
which was
to combat. If
with me I'd
plot him
I'd Cross
love this F
recognize him
This is and
when in trouble
me
I

Mr. John A. Kushn
rank on D-day? S/SGT
belong? A Company of t

can you recall anything
for the mean-m, meals
OF AMMO - NOT MU
OF TENSION SEEMED T

what do you recall of y
Inarburg Peninsula? R
LIGHT 5 MINUTES
JUMP THE STICK: CR
WHEN I SAW LAND I
TO BE coming FRO

CHEST DEEP NEAR CH

FOR DRY LAND BUT ST
AFTER SEVERAL MINUTES
FORM TO BE A SMALL

MET A TRACER F
NAME ROSWELL G
LT PUTALSKI AND A

NORTH OF CAREN

PATTY

A HOLDING ACTIO
RAN A FLANK GUAR
GOT PINNED DOWN
REGROUPED WITH A
WHERE WE JOINED

FRANC

HARBOUGH WAS AWARDE
CHEF DU POINT

The following are names of
the incidents in which you

1 Lt. Sumpter Blackmon - l
Sgt. George H. Adams - 1st
Jack Bleffer - machine gun
Laverne Carlson - Jumped w
Lt. Eddy Craighill - KIA o
Sgt. Leonard A. Davis - KI
Pvt. Thurman Day - 1st Pla
Sgt. Nicholas Denovchik -
Bruce E. Fess
Lt. Paul Gibson - shell sh
Martin J. Knafl
John A. Kushner
Patrick Lindsay - mortar m
Vincent Menzyk
S/Sgt Daniel J. Murphy - ~~I believ~~
William W. Paty - Capt - C
Frank V. Seymour - 1st Ser
Harold Shoutis
Richard E. Sipe
O. G. Smith - Supply serge
2 Lt. Henry Puhalski - ass
Lt. Bert Waggoner - KIA bu
Robert W. Smith - medic an
Roy Spivey - 1st Platoon -

Do you recall any of your
the war? (There is quite
of 1st platoon -- 8 men to

Try to name as many of you
roster of A Company.

DANIEL J. MURPHY

D. DAY WAS TRANSF

TONY FRACASSI
334 GRANT ST
HOLLYWOOD FL

ED POZNEK
PHILA. PA.
HAVE NO NUMBER BE

Thats about all th
while you and 22 years a
regards to Eisenhower

Name Mr. Nicholas Den
rank or Duty OPER
Company A Company of

WE HAD STE
MEAL - MOST OF
CABBE DANC

SOME THE W
PRACTICE - I
WHAT

CARANTHON LOCKE
CALLING US TO

OMETERS FROM
LT BLACKMAN WAS

WITH KNIFE -
SHARP -

BLEFFER -
A MEDIC - I
THE MEDIC

ESTO ARV TO

DAY - DID HE
FIRE - 2000 LB

NEXT DAY -

EVERYTHING
82nd GUYS - AB
JUST BEFORE J
LIKE WE WERE
MOST OF US HA
SMELL OF TRACER
WE KEPT SLAPO

A

Perhaps these names will h

Alphonse F. Adamczyk - Mic
David E. Baker - Corbin, K
Sumpter Blackmon - Lt. - l
Sgt. George H. Adams - 1st
Jack Bleffer - machine gun
Edward R. Bodack - Chicago
Laverne Carlson - Jumped w
Lt. Eddy Craighill - KIA o
Sgt. Leonard Davis - KIA i
Pvt. Thurman Day - 1st Pla
Sgt. Nicholas Denovchik -
Bruce Fees - Park Ridge, I
Martin J. Knafl - Chicago,
John A. Kushner - Lakewood
Lt. Paul Gibson - shell-sh
Major Patrick Lindsay - mo
William C. McIntire - Mund
Vincent Menzyk - Chicago,
William C. Michel - Walled
Daniel J. Murphy - radioma
William W. Paty - D-day co
2 Lt. Henry Puhalski - Ass
Frank V. Seymour - 1st Ser
Harold Shoutis - Galway, N
Richard E. Sipe - Lititz,
O. G. Smith - supply serge
Robert W. Smith - medic an
Roy Spivey - 1st Platoon
Lt. Bert Waggoner - KIA*

We missed the l
Lt. Blackmon climb
way to the pilot a
and head back

We landed abo
2 met - we m
we did for ba
with a motor
gunners and
stung on Polk
We met Bla
early morni

* I don't think
Lt Blackmon
Craigville fo

Mr. Lee Kosh

Dear Sir:

Enclosed plea

K. Bay. I sh

time I said

about what

most of us

only lack of

with I atte

overseas and

about. Maybe

and talk - I

want:

I hope to

from the Sec

in Hamtramc

I may visit

Again, wishing you
Happy New Year.

Sincer
H. Sl

Bill Hughes
10 Grove St.
Oneonta, N.Y.

Al Adamczyk
4237 23rd.
Wyandotte, Mich.

Al Barbour
207 Martha St.
York Ville, Ohio

Walt Conroy
4 Bay View Ave.
(Howard Beach)
Long Island, N.Y.

Mr. Harold Shout
belong A Company of 5

Perhaps these names will h

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P.S.

Dear George,

I think you are real
a book. My wife, Clara,
my experiences. I can't
to help you and will do a
the back by my own men! -
sent back to the States a

I am going to be vac
going to be at home July
I stopped coaching in 195

I have a Company pic
all those who jumped ("A"
your letter I have been b
Aug. 3, 1943) and, I maybe a
after our return to Engla
one from Mrs. Davis whose
K.I.A. (I'd like to get t
Co. A on "D" day. I am no
prior to D day. I don't
Bleffer. I hope to find
possibly my best man. Ch

You could fine Edwar
can't remember whether th

I missed the Bastogne

from each regiment was give

Captain Bill Paty (C.

(shot in the hip - has bad

by our own atry. while star

killed and I do not know ho

Lt. Paul Citson became shel

Bogalousa, La. Lt. Henry J

in Holland. (Am enclosing s

Chaplain Richard Engle

the most outstanding men in

I want to talk with yo

Check your calendar fo

I'd like to secure bot

Fill me in.

4.

As I recall:

I remember the 501 g
called off and returning
And then the next time to
joined hands, asked God's
strip and then "called of
the same procedure except
in the marshaling area.
and gave to our sergeants
my platoon (1st) was to t
about a mile from Carento
over the river to the nor
ing of the C47 pilots "Th
action! You will fly her
range. You will turn inl
will be light if any. You
secret service men guardi
picture of my wife and so
saying "Blackie, you've r
ourselves to the gill wit
those plentiful ½ # Hersh
given to officers). 7.
keep prisoners tomorrow!"
I guess).

We left our camp ar
had done on two previous
platoon joined hands and
with me, one stick with
jumped with Capt. Paty (

We took off and fle
the islands off the Cher
iful. I could have pitc
inland (North) and all h
a fog bank for just a mi
briefing- no ack ack, no
I think, flew the exact
and could see the land m
Adams (they were watchin
caps and all water. I w
Pilot; " Lt. we missed t
What shall we do?" I rep
returned to the door tel
pilot dived into a left
which was just a little
almost straight up and a
followed. I think the c
equipment bundle was rig
in a low tree growing ou
I got my carbine ready f
hedgerow and began to lo
seemed like weeks Pvt. D
(we jumped off of it) an

land we decided to head s
took the M.G. and two box
cross country on a 180 de
got too heavy so we cover
came to a road and up thi
toward us. I told Day I'
then we would empty our r
which we had just passed.
yards from Day. The firs
on his arm. As the secon
the flac. I jumped out e
recall his name) from the
headed north. I sold the
stayed on the road.

Shortly we arrived a
the house, I knocked on t
with three empty chairs,
I tried, I could not ret
Da-Mont. I did, with the
an American paratrooper.
and started out of the do
closed the door and back
in the road we ran into o
arm of a Sgt.(from the 8
to the left trying to avo
(wheat or oats) field and
started to run and jump a

in the ditch with his ha
of my men who jumped wit
were both Polish). (- No
not visible when we lef
wheat field.)

This Polish-German
uniform called and his t
us to an underground pla
tank bazooka, burp gun
device. (The large "ec
us that we had not even
oriented us, and with de
without incident to the
hoped that some one was t
liv. came in U.K. I'll ne
marching up that cause
every step I) by ri
Seorge Legge (i.e., in
on like confidents from
on the Seine River. Wit
St. Lois Intact. Mile
ricocheted two bullets c
fifty yards from
stopped us and told us,
head back and join the th

On the outskirts of
getting into position wi
face on those bikes and
would lead us over to th
started coming in. We l
helped some and saw many
brought those gliders to
know what road we were o
talked to me. He contac
that time) or with Col.
but decided to try to ge
awakened by the patter o
went. Down the road we
in rolled a couple of de

6 A.M. D + 1 we wer
which had been in Div. h

Dear Mr. Blackmon:

I want to thank you
letter and I want t
sementoes.

The past ten days h
The next day I drov
days of trout fishi
Three solid days in
it for a month or s
to help the wife an
Christine finished
wife needed some he
back to the north c
had a chance to sac
showing the sights
Sunday. Today I dr
them up in a "sub-l
and daughter who ar
Library Science whi
Library. I'll spen
can see our family

In anticipation of
the addresses of fo
[illegible] close proxim
Alphonse Adamczyk o
area many years ago
the suburbs. He ca
providing addresses
respond -- namely S
Stach recently but
for Mrs. Frank Seym
on.

You old guys ought
101st is in Miami B
will be held in Chi

If you come to Detr
"puppy-sitting" and
I will include dire
Detroit. (Half hou
he said to send him
trants of A Company
not know they were
reunion in Detroit

Looking forward to

1. Name Mr. Sumpter (Mr
rank on D-day? Lieute
belong? A Company of 5

2. Can you recall anything
for the mission, meals,

3. What do you recall of y
Cherbirg Peninsula?

4. Did anything occur as y

5. What was your drop like

6. Did you encounter any d
describe: That was
Cut My Waf

7. What did you do once yo

8. Did you find any other
call:
How many of these men s

9. What was your particula

10. Did you accomplish your
Some were p
roads.

11. Who was the officer in
Was
many men did he collect

12. Describe as best you ca

13. Do you recall the names
particular day? No

Please see As I Recall

1. Name [redacted] Col. Harry
Member of which unit

2. Please circle campai
borne Division:

3. Did you parachute in
job on this mission?

4. Were you acquainted
wiremen, or message

5. If yes, can you supp

6. If you were a member
were you with Colone
involved in any of t
If not, do you know
these actions? ____

7. If you were a member
at Les Droueries? ____

8. Do you know any of t
List any you know:

9. Do you know the name
he survive the war?

10. Can you recall the c
as for food, weapons

11. If you were a member
call a soldier named
he survive the war?

12. If you were sent out
of D-day, how did yo
lights? ____

(Please fill this out to
just sign the sheet and
The material is for a b
contributions will make

Lt Col. John R. Arms
Capta
C Company - 50

Johnson, looking
in 5 June, my wife
are preparing
turned off - At the
his flak - we
years later - th
My regi
myself a
Army pilot (will
turned on my
Saturn

Company command
Fifth Infantry
Phillips

George: I did
a hedge-podge
Bill must have
circulars, Navy
Jan 30 - 1945 - Fr

Re:

I was not the
Captain Robert H.
very few memo
was long-lost,

C

John R. Armstrong — Com
John W. Bettencourt — L
Thomas S. Beno
Frank J. Carpenter — Up
John Cipolla — Rochester
Sgt. C. P. Coss (Regula
Evan B. Day (Regular Ar
William H. DeHuff — Cal
William L. Eichenberger
John S. Eyers — 4134 At
William Foreman — Arizo
Chris C. Foster — Torra
Clarence Hayden — 425 C
SFC Ralph E. Hankins (M
Albert Dave Hutto (Medi
John Janzen
Edward Tl Jansen — Indi
Stanley J. Kolodziej —
Eugene Madison — Indian
Herb McWilliams
Howard C. Miller
Donald E. Moore
Fernando Najera — Los A
Arthur Pate
Robert H. Phillips — Ge
G. Ripcord Pugliano — P
Hillel Rosenthal — St.
Edward Sandler — New Yo
Kenneth Schnesse
Myron "Guy" Sessions
Arthur Van Doren — Nort
M/Sgt Harvey P. Applema
Pvt Wilfred
Tom Rice - Mort
Marshall A. Buckn
Arthur Lexiers —

Tru

R. H. PHILLIPS
VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. George E. K
13914 Edmore Dr
Detroit, Michig

Dear Mr. Koskim

Thanks for
opportunity to
activities such
organizations,

I did read
here for writin
around to it.
approach of get

Naturally,
C Company, but
I am somewhat d
Edward T. Janse
rejoined the Co
shot in the sto
sorry that you
the platoon sin
of that action
he received. 1/S
you with some g
have been very

I am retur
check mark, the
the war. I hav
want to contact

So, you ca
inference. It'
have to do. I
pursuing someth

Yes, I hav
several paperba
which I provide
on the part of
you contacted B

1. Name Mr. Anthony D'An
rank on D-day? Cpl.
belong? B Company of t

2. Can you recall anythin
for the mission, meals
got the best of

3. What do you recall of
Cherbourg Peninsula? T
house of the eg
when we were sta

4. Did anything occur as
to Mr. Fisk

5. What was your drop like
A cork, the pla
except that it w

6. Did you encounter any
describe:

7. What did you do once y
together and
company by a

8. Did you find any other
called Pfc Robert
spring Hick? S
How many of theese men

9. What was your particul

10. Did you accomplish you
We accomplish

11. Who was the officer in
Wa
many men did he collec

12. Describe as best you c
I stayed with L
having I saw
fighting the next
of all and bo

13. Do you recall the name
particular day?
heads killed

Baker

George Adonitis (Sgt)
Pvt. Joseph C. Bazan -
Pvt. Chester Beisser -
Robert J. Burgess - Cl
Capt. Loyal K. Bogart
T/5 Billy S. Boxell -
T/4 Roy H. Callahan -
Kenneth H. Castler - R
Hilton Cobb
Lt. _____ Crow
X Anthony D'Angiolini -
S/Sgt Raymond K. Edgel
Hugh M. Glennon - New
Edmund O. Holloway -
John B. Hopke - North
Steven Husak
1 Lt. Edwin B. Hutchins
PFC Laurence P. Jarnel
Richard Jones
_____ Jordan (Regul
Pvt Frank P. Juliano -
Frank A. Lange - Ohio
PVT Robert William H.
Richard McFarland - KIA
John D. Mishler - Indi
Graydon (Grady) Newman
Cpl. Louis E. Olevsky
Sgt. Brien Petracek
Sgt. John H. Schneider
X Robert D. Smith - Quebe
PFC. Elias Valdon - Cal
Michael J. Veltri - Il
Pvt. Herbert Weiss - N
X Donald W. Wilson - Vati
JOHN B. EARLE -

Can you add more to thi
communications personne
actions in which this

Sorry, I h
on D-day
any other
will to let

Sorry for
the
HEADQUARTERS
Send Col. Johnson
very sad news Sweet Boo
men of this were
the ground
away. Send
and

Abney, Ralph R.
Adams, Harry B.
Akers, Van B.
Armstrong, Leslie H.
Ayers, Willard R.
Baxter, Edward S.
Anderson, Carl J.
Aune, Eugene T.
Baughner, Thomas O.
Allen, Edgar L.
Armstrong, Dennis C.
★ Arndt, Oscar D. Pvt
★ Bebout, Paul E. Pfc
Berry, III, James
★ Berry, Seth Pvt
Berry, Everett C.
★ Brooke, Chester L. Pvt
Briggs, Martin L.
Brown, Keith P.
Bungarner, Hilburn
★ Blanks, Albert M. Pvt
★ Burgess, James D. Pvt
Burgess, Chester A.
Baxter, Edward S.
Belz, Conrad F.
Bennett, John L. Jr.
Carroll, Robt. Lt. Col.
Charpentier, Leo P.
Castro, Joseph I.
Costello, Richard J.
★ Campbell, Thomas U. Pvt
Caringola, John
★ Cavernes, Peter S. Pvt
★ Decker, Erwin W. Pfc
Alderman, Kramer L.
Burgess, Oliver T.
★ DeLapp, William D. Pfc
Dotoli, Joseph A.
★ Dumas, Jack P. (Detroit)
Edmonds, Wesley E.
★ Esberg, Gilbert Pvt
Estelle, Pierson J.
Frame, Richard L.
Fargart, Fred D. Jr.
Fain, Laird L.
Fechtman, Carl
Fisher, Julius
[illegible], Justin C.
[illegible], Clarence
Feigh, Lawrence F.
Flores, Fred
Foster, Kenneth
Frazier, William Jr.
Gaudet, John A.
★ Du[illegible], Jules Pvt

Barney Momcilovic
Division.

When we first jump
Armstrong, Sellers
while I had mine
Ste Mere. S/Sgt
had had ROTC train
CO didn't like him
from the Detroit

Frank B. McLain Jr
South Lyndon Stre
Township Detroit
Michigan

Fred Roe (O) 2/506
33/-3/04

Joseph M. Walkowsk
11324 Vergil
KE 7-2259 Detroit

Harold F. Curry A/
2442 N. Connecticu
Royal Oak, Mich.
LI 6-3578 617-07

1st Battalion men
Gunne S. Bob Simc
Bodansky.

2. Sharpening of w
and stressing t
3. Trip across the
they kept sound
not see any con
me. I told Red
ed to me and he
make it. The p
the first two
they jumped ear
off the DZ.
4. Real low jump.
Way was about t
managed to slip
was on the the
slowly and care
the hedge at th
able to drop fr
They called out
used the clicke
of a convoy ap
set them in the
planted them.
report signalle
over the buried
many orders org
heard.

ASSEMBLY

We found Lt. McMil
one gay spit in pa
Later on we ran in
We went on with.
with I Company.
two grenades and
gun nest -- either
of these things.
next day.

I think they did.
been with him only
him. Haven't seen
ficial.

Bob Koppe was anot

Sergeant
too fast. He
the equipment
three bundles
along with the
quarters of an
an area where
nearby I saw w
go a different
opposite direc
finally I trie
had come. Lat
six or seven m
Captain Katy &
after the grou
moved in on us
quite - few of
Katy got two s
from a sniper.
Sergeant
others I don't
had happened y
fact that end
Isaac came
of the language
edge of Germa
We were surpu
oral means of

on although whe
finish us off i
They had closed
the hedgerow.
gun fire, a lie
"We just f
Kraut lieutenan
away and once a
now, somehow ma
managed not to
"The chapel
Lieutenant John
group were take
town was St. Mer
remember it."
"Schwartz
captured. I tol
hands of the Je
I don't know if

Haag Continued
"I don't k
we didn't speak
it sure came be
men and they us
idea of what wa
order to close
stood a word of
our group came
gune, one on ea
small arms and
fired back. So
ran out in fron
again hollered,
Captain Pa
nie head. How
He certainly ha
The chapel
Major Gage, Lie
of that group w
the pereon you
10 days after D
"I am almo
is a rough eket
his notes and m

1. Name Mr. Chester Bro
Member of which unit

2. Please circle campaig
borne Division

3 Did you parachute int
jou on this mission?

4. Were you acquainted w
wireman or message c

5. If yes can you furnis
Sgt Alex Lisuc
John Lubnecki

6. If you were a member
were you with Colonel
involved in any of t
If not, do you know a
these actions?

7. If you were a member
at Case Harlee?

8. Do you know any of th
list any you know

9. Do you know the name
he survive the war?

10. Can you recall the co
as for food, weapons

11. Omit this one. Did hav
call a soldier named
he survive the war?

12. If you were sent out
of D-day, how did you
lights? Yes we
Followed flight dir
others during dayl

13. Did you know any of t
outfit? yes If ye
addresses?

1. Name Mr. Chester Brook
To which unit in the r

2. Who were your ranking o
Colonel Carroll 1st Bn Commander, Capt
Gun Platoon

3. What impressions have
door & [illegible] the armed [illegible]
remember Patrick, Isle, Hess, Sgt, Pe
Sgt. I were [illegible] to get [illegible]

4. Tony Garcia 10 out of 12 [illegible]
7. Grandma Wilson 8.

5. What was your landing
so South of DZ. Plan had [illegible]
new [illegible] on [illegible] bridge [illegible]
of stick-Lt Sick, Lt Bugess, Pla

6. What was your mission?
Did you complete it? [illegible]

7. Did you join Colonel B
dash to the [illegible]

8. What was the terrain l

9. Were you a member of a
If yes, describe the a

10. Describe any of the hi
After assembly
[illegible] empty [illegible]
was [illegible] the p
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

June 13, 1969

-be of so little help.
-l Rousseau will
-ldress.
-Dec & McDonald
-towns manytimes
-have them in
-Rousseau can
-p there and possibly
-ld's address too.
-a very much to
- of I

-I should improve
-I be happy to
-elpful information.

Sincerely,
John Trowbridge

Name Mr. Alex Haag

your rank on [illegible] Ser

you belong? 1st Battalion

1. Can you recall anythin
for this mission, explai
WE WERE TO
THE PLANES AN

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?
OUT TIME I WAS

3. Did anything occur as
COAST THERE W
SAW, IT WAS A P

4. What was your jump like
VERY LOW AND
A PACK OF RADIO

5. Did you encounter any
landing?

6. What did you do when
RADIO EQUIP, RAT

7. Did you find any other
you can recall? JERR

8. How many of these men

9. Did you accompany your

10. Who was the officer in
was
MAJ. GAGE

11. Do you recall the name
members from your

12. [illegible]
I HAD HEART & HE
LEAN WHO'S NAME
FRENCH, WE H
WAS GOING ON BU
LIKE HALF OF TH
DIFFERENT WAYS
US IN THE PROC
BREAK THRU SO
THE DIRECTION

13. [illegible]
assignment [illegible]

Fred Faggart
Tom Maitland
George Aprile
John Carringola

Can you add to this D-day
current addresses in my fi
master list I could prepar
above men in the Detroit a

TE NO.	1. JOB ORDER NO. 2. SHOP CONTROL NO.	6. EST. HOURS
as long but ing this are with the that time which to engine		
OW) R. OW)		
OP. 300 HQ CO. OP		
ER (POW) REPAIRMAN (POW)		
Y (POW) TY OHIO OHIO N. CITY	THESE MEN WERE ALL COMD. MEN	
CENTER CHIEF CT. MAS. HE LIVES		

SCHWARTZ
WERE CAPTUR
NOT TO HAV
JERRIES. D
300. I DONT
SET WAS N

ESTIMATE CONTINUATION SHEET
NAVDOCKS 2355 (REV. 3-60)

4. WORK CENTER	
	ITEM (12) (6
	WHO HAS
	RUN INTO
	CAPT. PUT
	TO HOLD
	UNDER CO
	KRAUS M
	NE KNITTING
	FRW UP
	WORK (3)
	TOO MEN
	(1) IN THE
	A SNIPER
	SGT. BEN
	KNOW PRO
	ANYWHERE
	IF IT HAD
	THE END
	ON OUR CO
	I DON'T
	A WORSE
	NIGHT BUT
	AND BACK
	6TH PARA
	MEANS A
	IDEA OF W
	THE CO.
	AND I WISH
	OR INDEED
	ARE INTR
	GROUP CA
	US AND
	END OF
	OF TRAM

SHEET OF

K. SO THEY GAVE
LT. RAN OUT IN
BURP GUN BLAZING
T UP." CAPT. PATY
D PUT HIS HANDS
E BUT SHOT I AM
D GUTS."
AZ ONE WHERE
, CAPT. BLATHERWICK
WHERE TAKEN

ON YOU SHOULD
AREA FOR ABOUT

E TOWN WAS
TCH OF THE AREA

THIS IS WHERE
LANDED
K UP BUNDLES

CAPT. SIMMONS
GROUP
CAPTURED

APE 2 IS ON TOP
A SHALLOW HILL

Sergeant Alex
too fast. He lost
the equipment too
three bundles of
along with their
quarters of an ho
an area where a g
nearby I saw what
go a different wa
opposite directio
finally I tried t
had come. Later
six or seven men
Captain Paty gave
After the group u
moved in on us.
quite a few of us
Paty got two slug
from a sniper.

Sergeant Bea
others I don't re
had happened yest
tect that end of

Haag came fr
of the language g
ledge of German c
We were surrounde
oral means of com

1. Name Mr. Donald W. Wi
rank on D-day? PFC
belong? B Company of

2. Can you recall anythin
for the missions, meals
good meals. For amu

3. What do you recall of
Cherburg Peninsula? F
the peninsula.

4. Did anything occur as
suddenly went just abo
all stood up and hooke
position again so we co

5. What was your drop zo
other than the plane w
where we dropped but i

6. Did you encounter any
describe:

7. What did you do once y
out with the word "Red"
the guy I was OK but co
that we carried. The gu

8. Did you find any other
call: John Hardridge
How many of these men
did live as far as I k

9. What was your partimul
LaBargue

10. Did you accomplish you
regiment.

11. Who was the officer in
Salin
many men did he collec

12. Describe as best you
We moved thru
We had a few scirmis
certain what all of

13. Do you recall the name
partimular day? One

Baker

George Adonitis (Sgt)
Pvt. Joseph C. Bazan –
Pvt. Chester Beisser –
Robert J. Burgess – Cl
Capt. Loyal K. Bogart
T/5 Billy S. Boxell –
T/4 Roy M. Callahan –
Kenneth M. Castler – R
Hilton Cobb
Lt. _____ Crow
X Anthony D'Angiolini –
S/Sgt Raymond R. Edgel
Hugh M. Glennon – New
Edmund O. Holloway – B
John E. Hopke – North
Steven Husak
1 Lt. Edwin B. Hutchin
PFC Laurence P. Jannel
Richard Jones
_____ Jordan (Regul
Pvt Frank P. Juliano –
Frank A. Lange – Ohio
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Richard McFarland – KI
John D. Mishler – Indi
Graydon (Grady) Newman
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Sgt. _____ Petrack
Sgt. John H. Schneider
X Robert D. Smith – Queb
PFC. Blas Valdon – Cal
Michael J. Veltri – Il
Pvt. Herbert Weiss – K
X Donald W. Wilson – Osti

John B. Earle

~~Harold Magovski~~ Mass.
X Ralph Lamb Erie Pa.
X James Rehmert Worthing
X ~~Ernest~~ Lambert Lowell,
X ~~Robert~~ Owens, Columbus
X Richard Arnold, Columb
William J. Lutz, Jr. Pe
X Eddy Leach, Harrisburg
Michael Luongo, New Yo
X Arthur Andrews New Yor
Can you add more to th
communications personne
actions in which this
Lt. Pharis KIA in Holl
X Lt. Murrey KIA Holla
X S/Sgt. Wade Brooks, Wil
X Sgt. Carl Sargis, Cle
X Sgt. James Hill Pa.
X Sgt. James McHugh Pa.
X Gerald Miller, Travers
X Sgt. Vaughn Logsdon, I
X Pvt Peter Sass KIA
X Tony Crisuli, Chicago,

Name Mr. John C. Trow

Street Address 863 W
(S

[illegible] of the 101st in

Campaigns in which yo
Normandy - Holland
lost your memory: (A

Company/Battery Comma

[illegible] Company/Battery

[illegible] Sergeant

Company/Battery Clerk

Platoon or Section Se

Do you have a copy of
names of your old buds

Are you ever in contac
who might still be int
unit to which they bel

Do you correspond with
addresses, old or new
of last contact.

Name of former Screami
FRED RASSMUS

JULES DUC, J

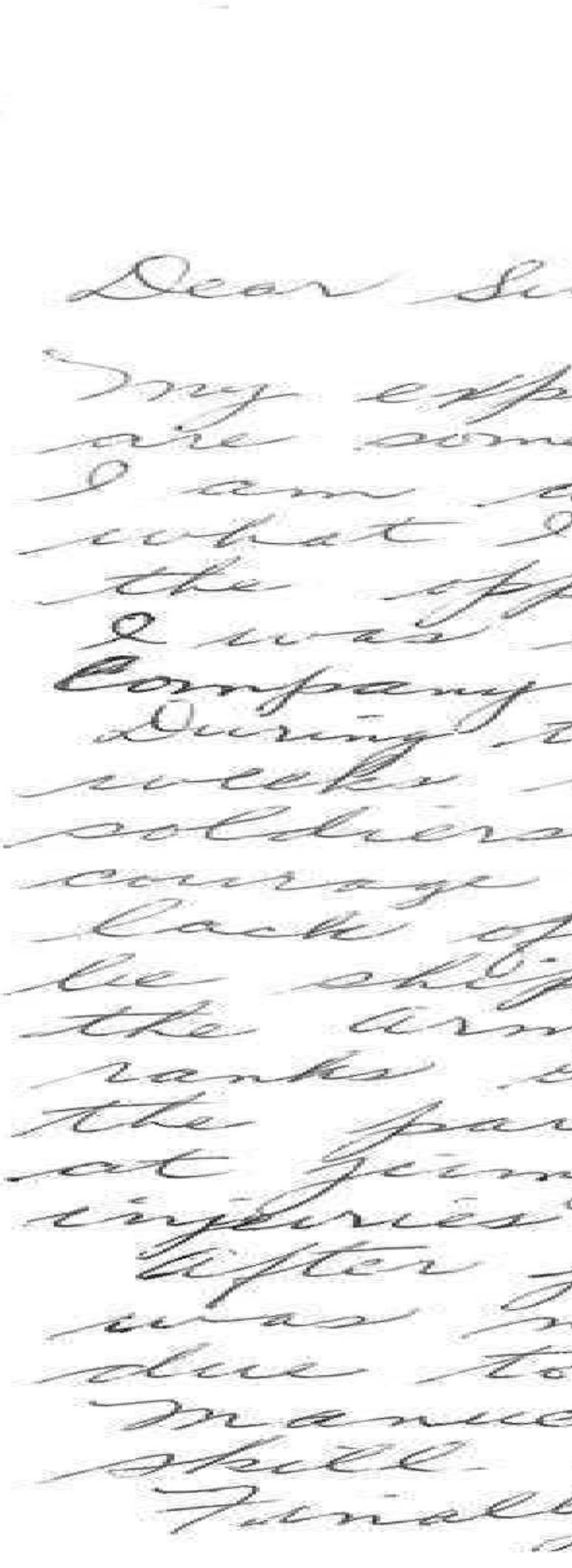
ANDREW McD

DAVID TORRE

(I can

B

Robert J. Burgess - 3462
Robert R. Chapman - 161 S
Joseph Comella - 102 Park
Anthony D'Angiolini - 191
John B. Earle - Route 1.
John E. Eagen - 1300 N. 5
James L. Faulkner - Helen
Ray D. Flowers - 40053 N.
Hugh H. Glennon - Catskil
John M. Hair - 3459 Victo
John E. Hopke - 45 Bluejay
Edmund O. Holloway - U.S.
Steven Husak - 2925 McKin
L. A. Johnsons - 560 Pot
Frank Juliano - 2320 Dylan
Ernest A. Lambert - 63 Ha
Ralph Laab - 614 W. 23rd
Frank A. Lange - 6948 Cre
Duane G. McDonald - 405 R
James E. McMahon - 3627 M
Pat Pagovsky - 7010 Sepul
Robert V. Menzies - 64 Te
John D. Mishler - 1828 Hu
Joseph N. Murphy - 6112 S
Graydon K. Newman - 2622
John Piotrowicz - Route 2
John W. Pickey - 852 White
Harry A. Ridgeway - 2821 P
Dominick M. Rizzo - 1308
Peter A. Shillinga - 2903
Robert B. Sikking - 4709 W
Robert D. Smith - 1400 Her
Blas Valdon - 111 S. Oxfo
Michael J. Veltri - 5932
Russell Whiteits - Route
Thomas M. Walker - 213 N.
Lawrence J. Wiltgen - 145
Donald W. Wilson - Box 13



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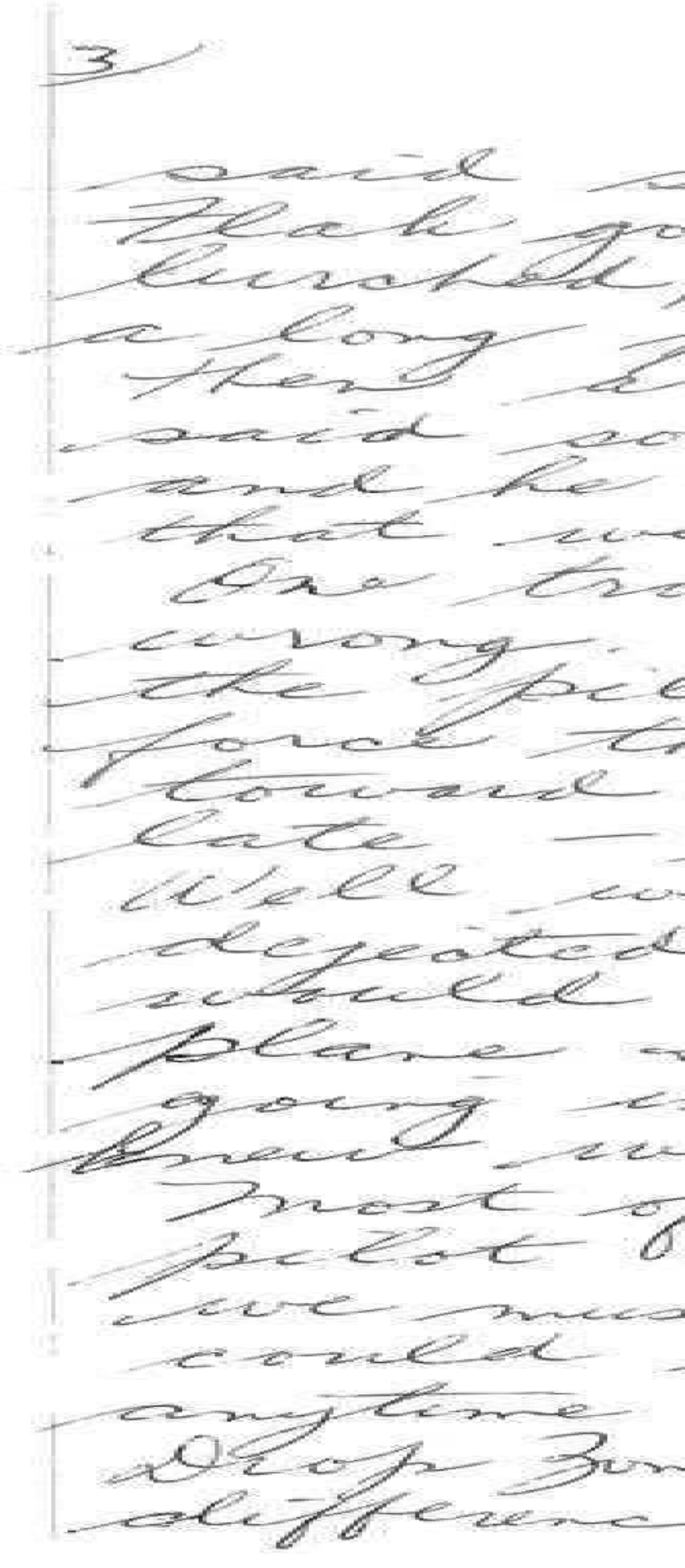

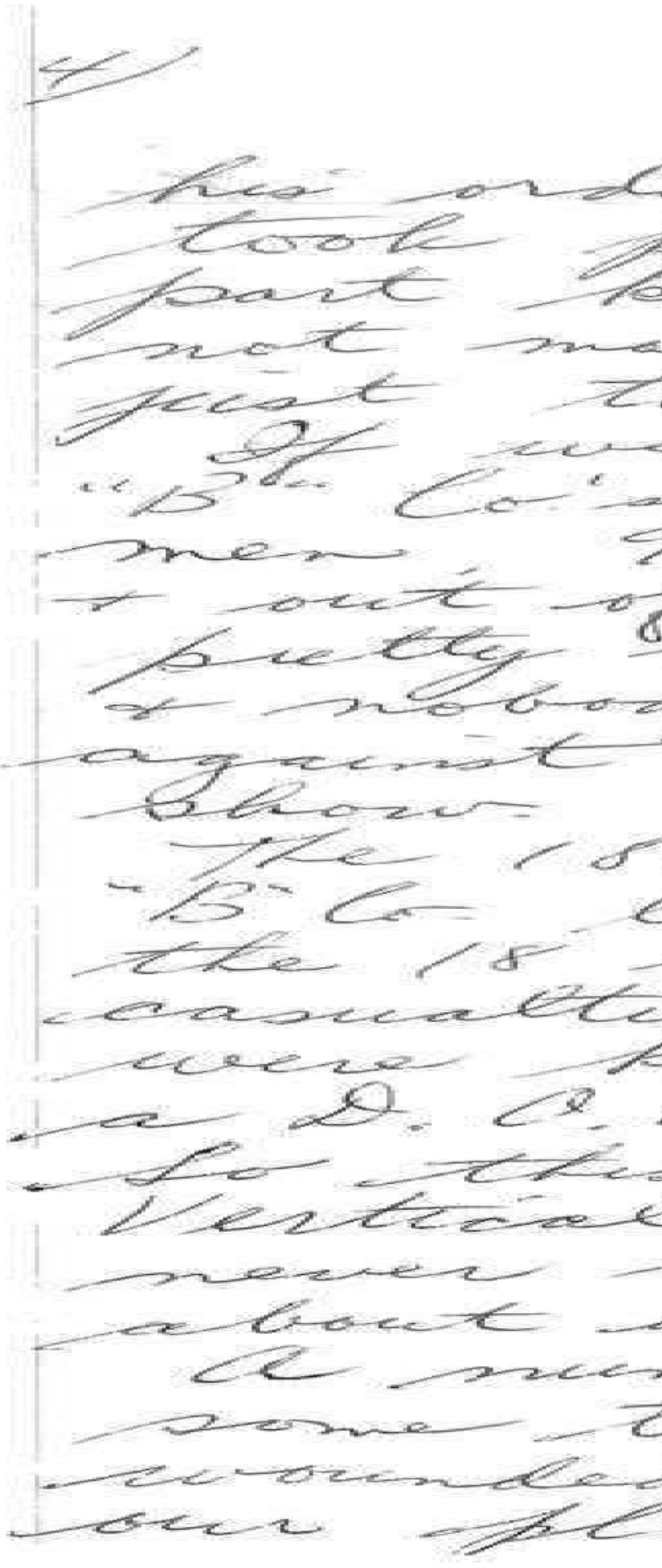

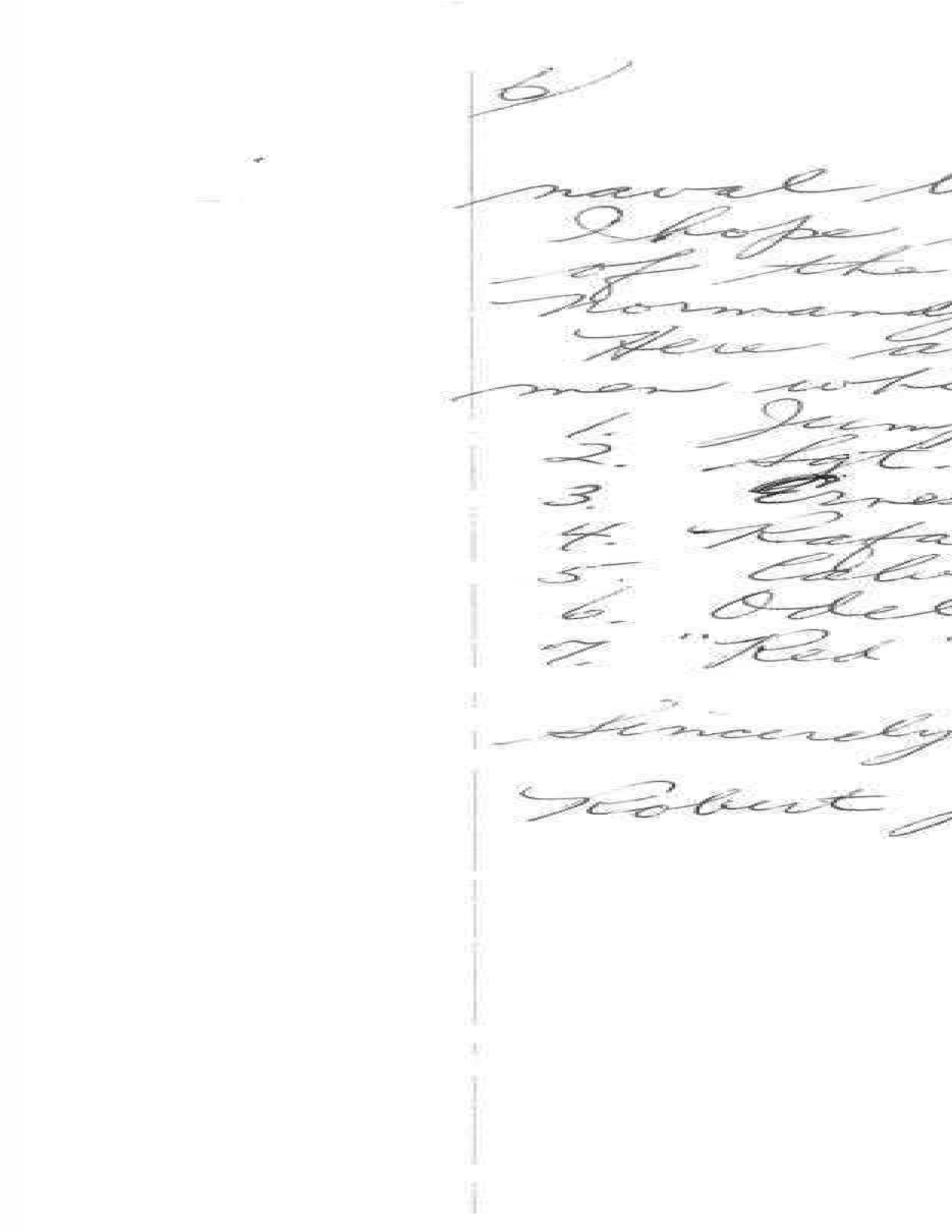

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Co. B w

Co Commander

Exec Officer

1ST Platoon

2

S/SGT Ray

Squad

1ST Squad SGT

2nd " SGT

3rd Squad SGT

1ST Squad

SGT

PFC. MACK

" ARM

" Dog

LESTER Burk

STAN STUNE

ROBT Smith

LARRY JONES

RICHARD JONES

JOE BAZAN

Opl. LOU OLEVSKY

WM MACDONALD

This Entire

OLEVSKY - STARTE

AND went ALL The

"B Co" - 2nd PLAT

"

3rd PLAT

"

1ST. SGT

CARL SARG

Name Mr. Richard M. Arn
your rank on D-day?
you belong? Baker Company

1. Can you recall anythin
for the mission, meals
Arguments
on army

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?
LT Tesse Aut

3. Did anything occur as
KILLED Stud

4. What was your jump lik
Caught Corcets
at the Jump

5. Did you encounter any
describe:

6. What did you do once y

7. Did you find any other
you can recall: Lou
Labrielle Stiles

8. How many of these men

9. Did you accomplish you
other missions
Glenn Eagles
John Mischler

10. Who was the officer in
Was
many men did he collec

11. Do you recall the name
readers from your outf
KILLED in Hedg

12. Describe as best you
1st Squad 1st
in Sol Missio
Put K. P
to it 2 Days
Escaped

13. Name your company com
sergeant, company cla

...T MAY 12
...E I MISSED THE
...R ALL INFORMATI...
...D TO ME BY MY
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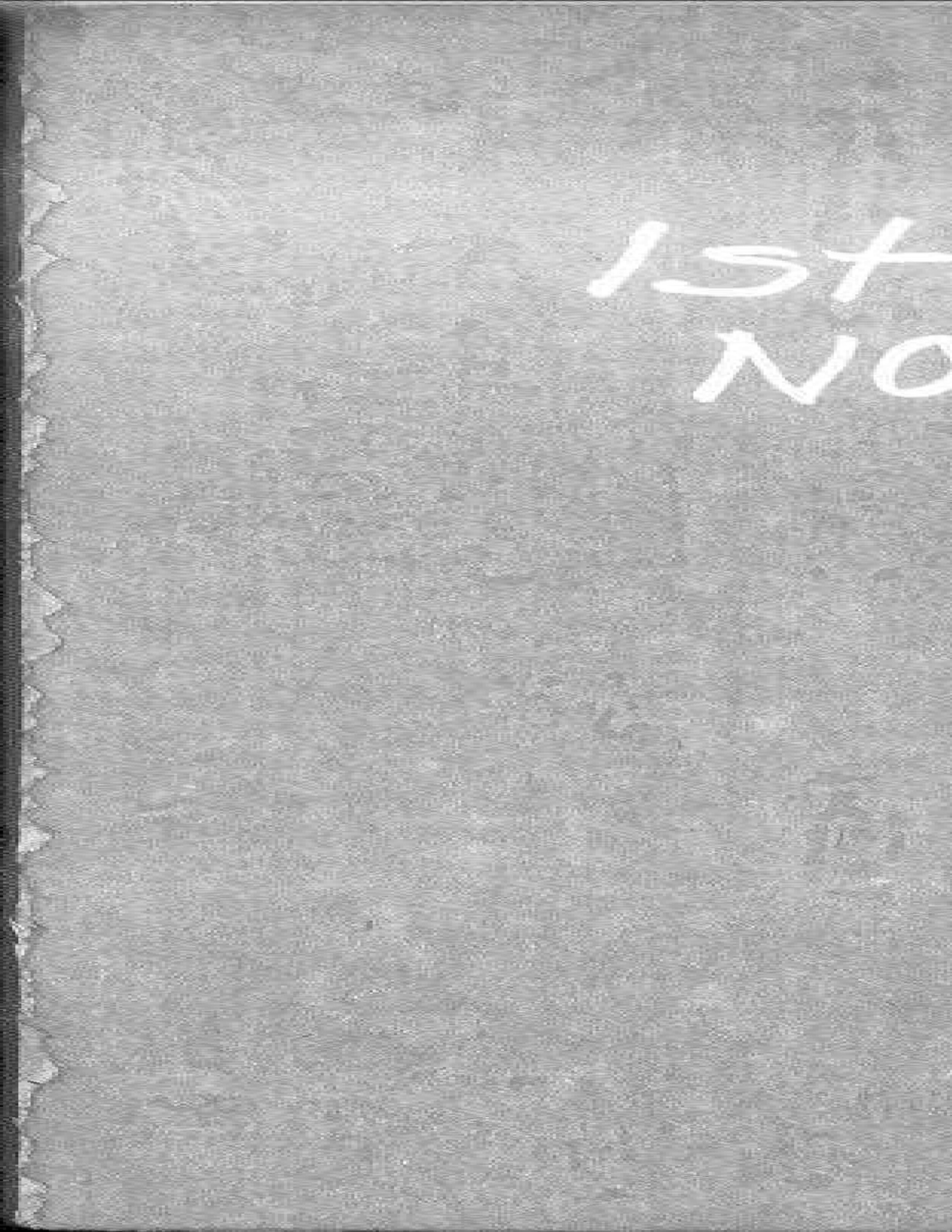
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Mr. Thomas J.

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THE FOLLOWING MEN ...
ABLE TO HELP

Col. SAMMY HOWARD Ret.

CHARLES PALMER
16 MORGAN ST.
NORWOOD N.Y.

EDWARD TURER
1700C HARRISON AVE
APT 3 55. BRONX NYC

JACK SCHAFFER
119 INGRAHAM ST.
BKLYN 37 NEW YORK

GLEN E HALEY
210 E FREEMAN AVE
SEYMOUR IND.

ISLMO SINGLETON
3102 HICKORY
NEW ALBANY IND.

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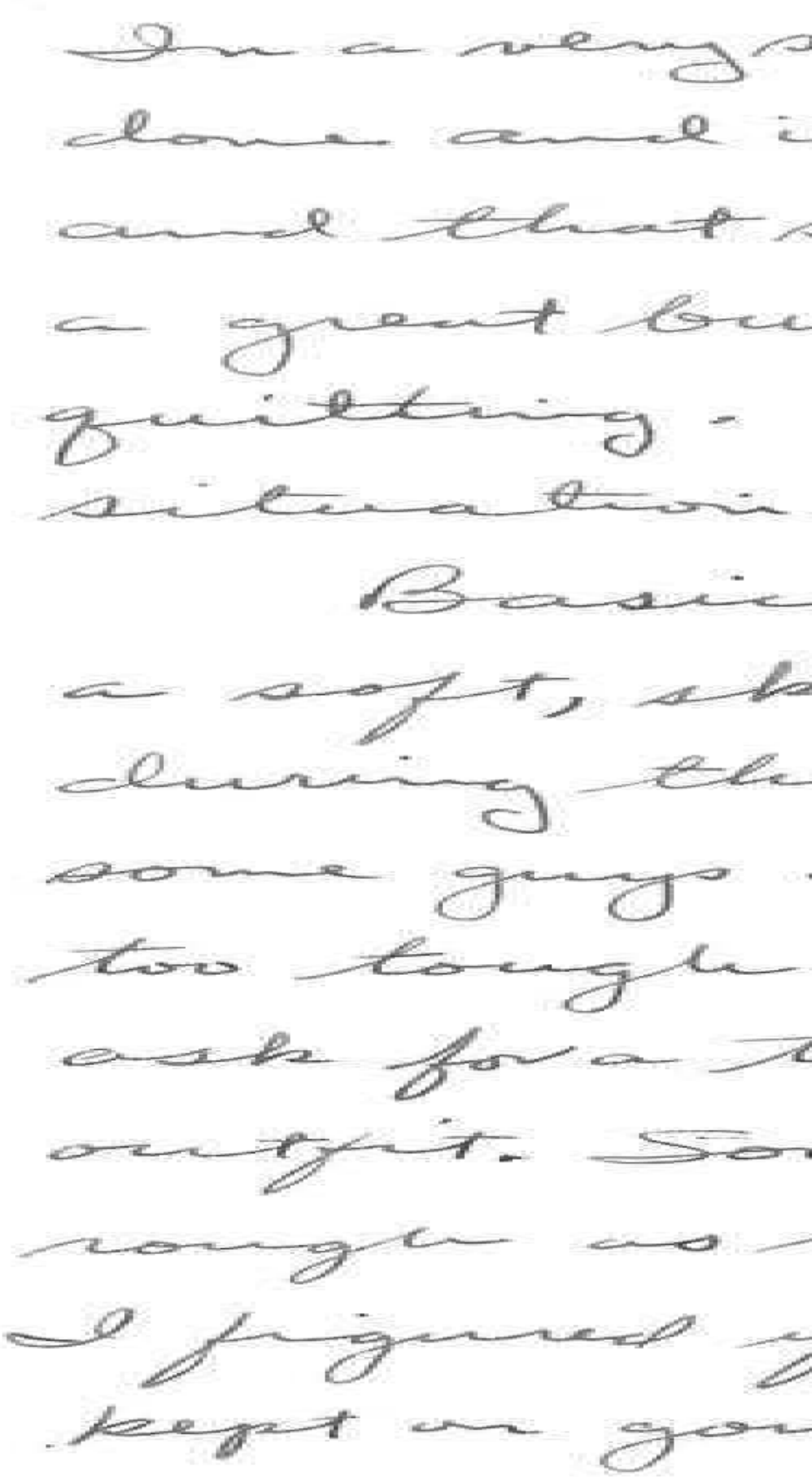

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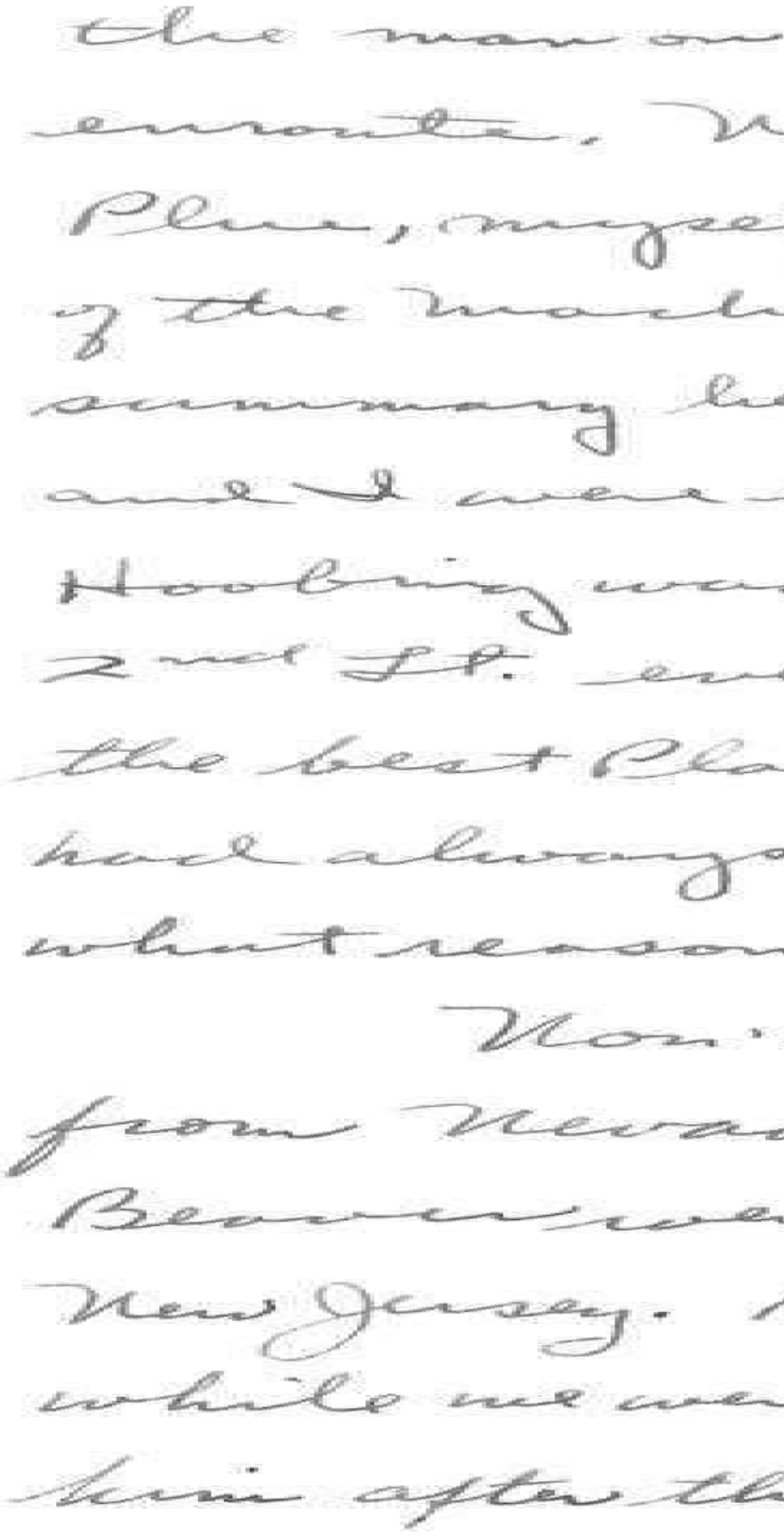

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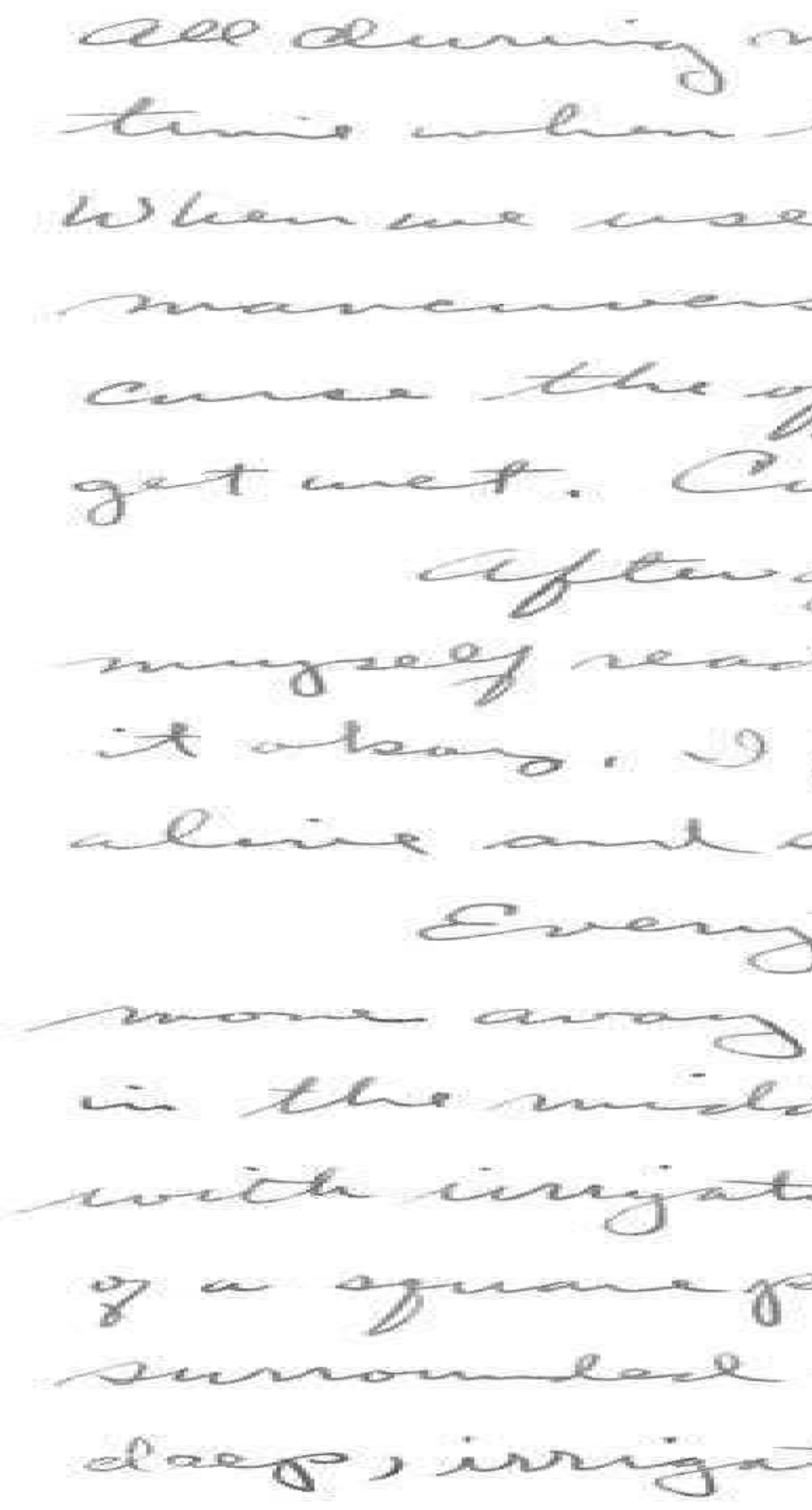

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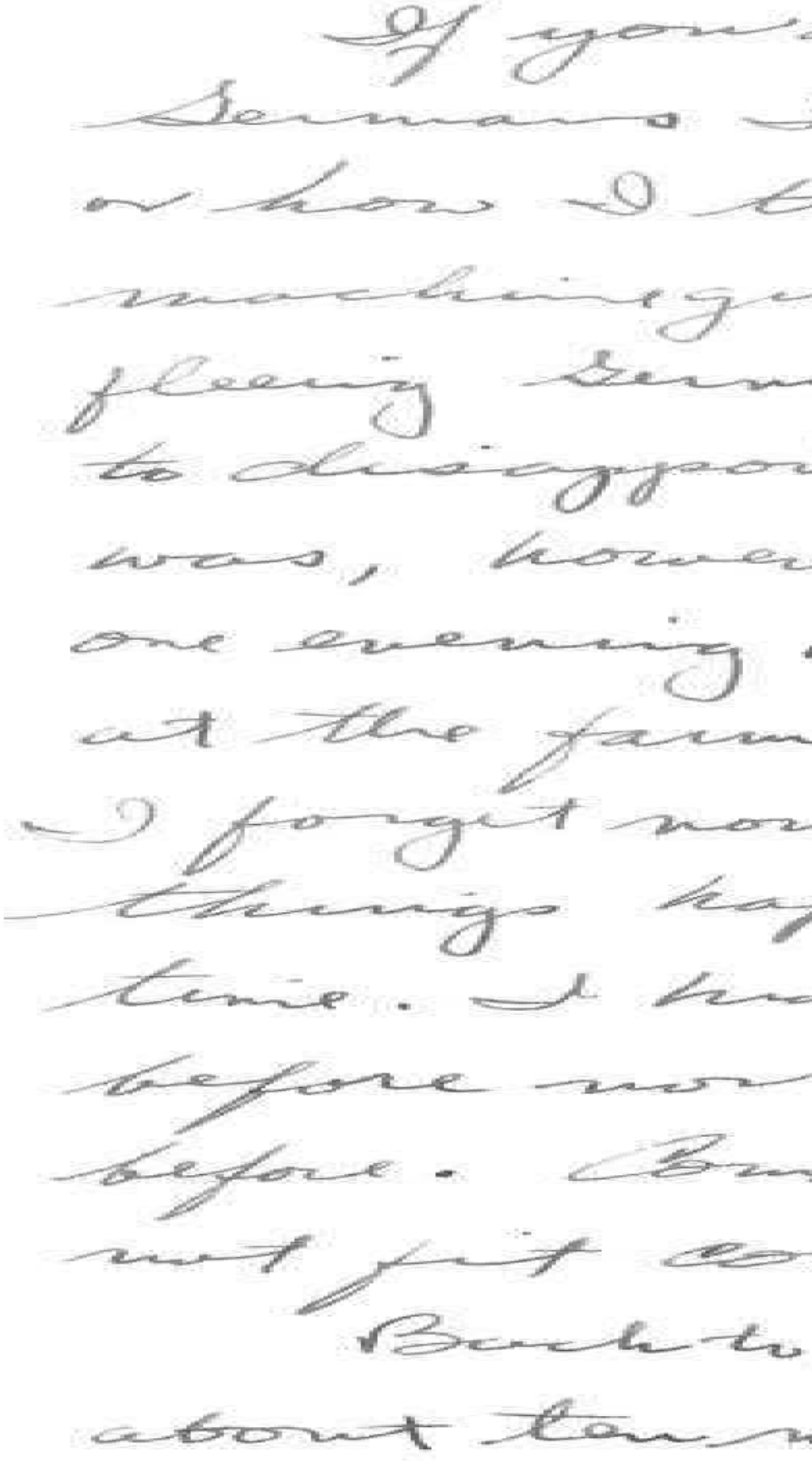

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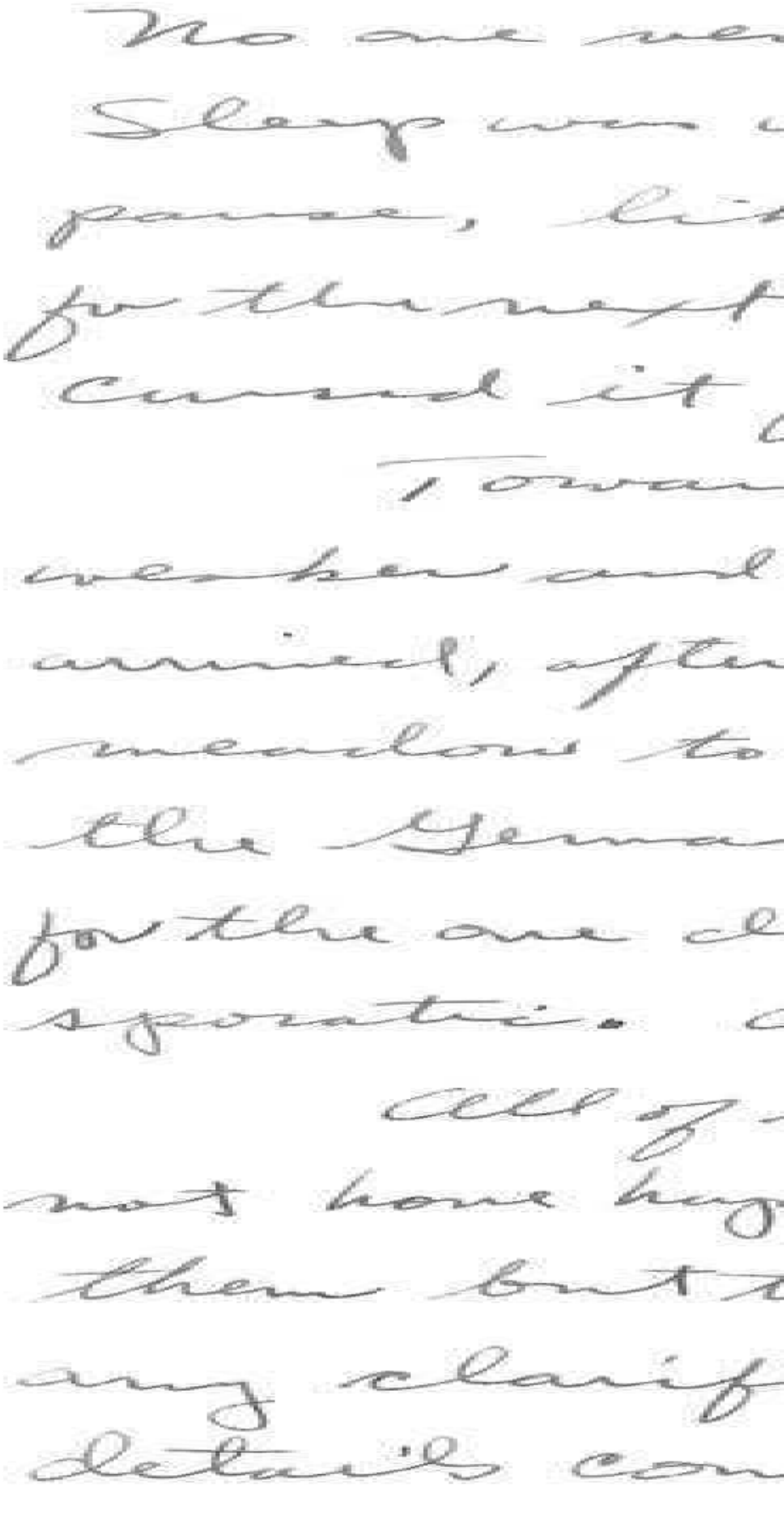

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Col. Sammie Homan (Ret)

your rank on D-day? Captain

you belong? Fox Company - 501st Parachute Regiment

1. Can you recall anything about your stay in the marshaling area (such as preparation for the mission, meals, amusements, etc.)? As Co. C.O I was busy planning, Checking, supervising, attending meetings, briefing platoon leaders and other key personnel. There were some games for the men.

2. What do you recall of your trip over the English Channel and the approach to the

9. Did you accomplish your particular D-day task? (First describe it.) To assist Headquarters Company E, 501, objective). No we did not

10. Who was the officer in charge of your particular group on this mission? CoE-Lt Ben-Col Ballard Was he present in your vicinity after the jump? No If yes, how many men did he collect? _____.

11. Do you recall the names (and maybe addresses?) of any of the other members of your stick? Others from your outfit? Rose-Lt platoon did work on D-Day

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Pvt John S. Muha
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PFC Paul A. Pappy
1/Sgt Herschel Parks (KIA)
Pvt Richard N. Peterson
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Pvt Ralph R. Maradan
Cpl Lasyel W. Moyer
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PFC Leroy W. Prahm (KIA)

*Sgt Joseph Bass (KIA in Ko

I would like

Mr. Ralph R. Smith
4366 Tuna Drive S.E
St. Petersburg, Flo

Dear Sir:

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1. Name Mr. Jack Schaf
Member of which unit

2. Please circle campai
borne Division

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job on this mission?

4. Were you acquainted
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Fox Co.

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did you belong? Fox Compa

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Mr. Leo E. Malek

Fox Company

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PFC John H. Poe DIED
PFC Leroy W. Prahm (KIA)

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Mr. Ned L. Layser

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you belong? Easy Company

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Capt Drew, C C
Medal of Honor recipient

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Capt Richard J. Allen (CO)
Sgt Harry L. Amos (KIA)
Cpl John F. Altick (KIA)
T/5 Ray Barton (Medic)(DSC)
Pvt Richard Buck
Pvt Wayland H. Cartwright
Pvt William Commons
Pvt Michael Dubiel (KIA)
Sgt Frederick F. Fink
Pvt Robert Ford
S/Sgt Peter P. Fumagalli
2 Lt Frank Gregg (EXO)
Sgt Luther J.C. Mascelli
1/Sgt Raiel N. Papich**
T/5 Richard C. Powlase
Pvt Stanley S. Sobczak
T/4 Frank T. Sprankle (Med)
T/5 Robert J. Thiem
Pvt Edward Van Leuvan
Capt Claude L. Wallace (KIA)
T/5 Francis E. Zeigler

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Pvt Robert C. Bahel (KIA)
Pvt Joseph A. Bosco
Pvt John J. Bouska (PP)
Sgt Thomas Butcher (KIA)
S/Sgt. Edward Chorzempa (KIA)
Pvt James Dasher (KIA)
Pvt Gerald I Exley
Pvt Efren Galaz
Pvt Leonard P. Griffing
Pvt William O. Haines
PFC Asher A. Hetrick
PFC Earl W. Hendricks
Sgt Jonathan S. Joyner
PFC Michael Kusrisky
Cpl Earl Lutz
Pvt Woodie McKinney
Pvt George D. Maloney
Cpl John P. Marcha
Pvt Clifford A. Martin
Pvt Peter P. Mystilone
PFC Luciano Nieves
Pvt Wilfred A. Morrissette

Third Platoon Continued

PFC Samuel L. Raborn
Pvt Kenneth W. Reinert
PFC Donald R. Smith

**Died March 15, 1966 PP -

This roster was prepared fr

Name: Mr. James B. Koller
your rank on D-day?
you belong? Dog Company -

1. Can you recall anythin
for the mission, seale
us the regiment
sms mpf - ats

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?

3. Did anything occur as
unit

4. What was your jump lin
enemies, sh

5. Did you encounter any
describe: wet

6. What did you do once y
Boys -

7. Did you find any other
you can recall. Ja

8. How many of these men
was so mu

9. Did you accomplish you
objective

10. Who was the officer in
Lt Arant was t
many men did he collec

11. Do you recall the numbe
finders from your outf

12. Describe as best you
many hedg
to get throu
This was a
because of
made it ea

13. Are your comments
sergeant, company clerk
Capt Jones

Mr. Woodie McKinne

E Company of t

particular of our platoon going to chu

& he took it to the kitchen
small island & the last of
their belts

Later I saw the Ka
L.T. block in the face punc
my shirt. I had a ma

fighter & my stomach finally got

Chuck for food which
I used my supper +

robert ogle

but I think it was
forest

Schmidt

we stayed with it
but right on into
Lights + we (the
& that was when
Lunch Counter
sent a man out

Ou
Lu
(PS -

Capt. D. A. Brown - Comma
Lt. George S. Schmidt - K
Lt. Vern W. Mertz - Had c

Sgt. Harry L. Amos - KIA
William Baltz
T/5 Ray Barton - Medic (C
Theodore J. Braun
Wayne Bengel
Emil Carella
Harry Carlson
Harry Cummings
Wayland H. Cartwright
Joseph Doan
Gerald Ealy
Fred Fink
Efren Galaz
William Ozell Haimes
William P. Heaton
Lt. Frank Gregg
Mike Harris
William Foreman
Earl Hendricks
Sgt _____ Joyner (Regu
David Kingston (Probably
Ned L. Layer
John F. Marohn (Tucson, A
Edward F. McCarthy - Dece
Joseph Madigan - Medic
Woodie McKinney - D-day+
Sgt Franklin McClure (hac
Charles H. Miller
Robert W. Neill
Clarence T. Neikam - Penn
Charles L. Nevison - Minn
1/Sgt Ravel N. Papich - C
Harry Potter
Henry "Hank" Rousseau - M
Richard Rowles
Hector Rossetti - Medic
Dale Smith - Grand Rapids
_____ Sussina
Elton Schoonover - Lewis
William C. Fallent - Conn
David E. Tuel - Medic
Jack Turner
Norman L. Simmons - late
Wayne Walton - medic
Cpl. _____ Zingler

Mr. William Drubac

Dog Company

ROBERT B. O'CONNELL

I have current addr
locations & other

Name: Mr. Albert J. Jacobs
your rank on D-day? [illegible]
you belong? Dog Company -

1. Can you recall anything
for the mission, meals
2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?
3. Did anything occur as
4. What was your jump lik
5. Did you encounter any
6. What did you do once y
7. Did you find any other
you can recall
8. How many of these men
9. Did you complain you
10. Who was the officer in
many men did he collec
11. Do you recall the name
finders from your unit
12. Describe as best you
13. Name your company
sergeant, company clerk

COMPANY HEADQUARTERS

Pfc John Miller
PFC Franklin E Augustine
Sgt Henry V Beall (KIA)
Sgt Victor Cunto
Pvt Bde T. Draper
PFC Arthur R. (William)
Pvt Raymond L. Grimmett
Sgt Woodrow Harling
T/4 George F. Hirt (KIA)
Pvt William T Jacobs (KIA)
Cpl Henry A. Jones
T/5 Dale C. Knight (KIA)
Pvt Charlee J. McDonald
PFC Elbert E. Mills
PFC Kenneth Hoops (Medic)

1/Sgt Fred Mueller (KIA)
PFC Theodore Pralitz
1 Lt Richard O Crudgington (C
T/5 Louis Tesconi

FIRST PLATOON

Pvt Sam K. Abbruzzino
2 Lt Sheldon E Harbour (KIA
PFC Oswald C. Boone
Pvt Theodore F Buehler
Pvt Thomas W. Brown
Sgt Romano Calderaro
Pvt Thomas J. Callahan
PFC Patrick J Choate (KIA)
Pvt Wallace B. Collins
Pvt Philip D'Ambra
Cpl William R. Gray (KIA)
Pvt Clyde I. Grube
PFC William J. Hayes
Pvt Robert A. Howarth (PF)
Pvt Albert J. Jacobs
PFC Adam E. Kozar
PFC Edwin J. Kraeta
Pvt Edward J. Lada
Pvt Merle Langston (KIA)
PFC Frank F. Lasek
Pvt William J. Lesure
Pvt Robert W. Lillibridge
Pvt Leonard D. Lusk
Cpl Thomas A. Lyle
Pvt J. D. MacDonald
Pvt Jones D. McKibbon
Pvt Walter A. Maguire
Pvt Emilio Marra

PF = Pathfinder APP = Ass
Sergeant.

This is prepared from a Chr
listed elsewhere in the reg
in on D-day with this compa
names appear on this roster
Does Trapeau still

Name Mr. George W. Seft
1st
did you belong? Headquarte

1. Can you recall anything
for the mission, weath
regtl cmmdr; had only s
in Paris for 1st tw
in bloom -- striped shi

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula. Sl
stick up for hook-up 50
tracers as we neared Dz

3. Anything about eq
Equipment bundle stuck

4. What was your jump
Landed 4 miles from Dz

5. Did you encounter any
describe. Couldn't loo
glinting on bayonets .
harness with trench k
6. What did you do once y
leading them in direct
fixed bayonets and sta

7. Did you find any other
recall. Not sure. T
any of them well enou
How many of these men

8. What was your particul
pre-determined and sec

9. Did you accomplish yo
helping assemble Bn. W
scattered over 60 mile

10. Who was the officer in
many men did he collec

11. Describe as best you c
Spent interesting half
Breathed by "surfacing"
with jump rope. Found
neighboring chateau che
pulled out for La Barq
medic alongside held pl
DSC for remaining there
group to La Barquette b

12. Do you recall the name
particular day? Shoul

1. Name Mr. Hank Rosse
Member of which unit

2. Please circle campa
borne Division

3. Did you parachute in
job on this mission?

4. Were you acquainted w
airman or message

5. If yes, can you supp

6. Were you with Colonel
interrogated in any of
If yes, can you answ
Please explain. NO

7. Do you have a medal
for bravery?

8. Do you know any
that are purple

9. Do you know if he
he survive the war?

10. Can you recall the
as for food was poss

11. If you were a member
call a soldier named
he survive the war?

when div hospital wa

12. If you were sent out
of Friday how did yo
light? I WA

13. List names of former

14. Names of medics of 5
HANDED IN A TREE
WEARING Two

PAUL CARLSON - AM
3 JOYCE LANE
ADDISON, ILL.

JOHN NICHOLAS - MED
4430 S. 11th ST.
TERRE HAUTE, IND.

RAY BARTON (OF COURSE

GEORGE HARGEL -
NEW KENSINGTON, PE

1. Name Mr. Hank Ross
Do which unit of reg

2. Who were your remain
LOUIS AXELROD AND So

3. What impressions hav
WAS SCARED, Bu

4. How many men from yo
remember) JOHN

5. What was your landi
I SPENT WHOLE

6. What was your missio
Did you complete it?

7. Will you check the
depth, how far did

8. Describe your part
I WASN'T THE

9. What do you recall
NO.

10. Do you recall any i
should describe in
UP AFTER OUR PL
SOME CUT'S GO
FARM HOUSE, WE W
LIVED THERE RAN OU
BOTH WERE KILLED

11. How did the day end

12. Do you recall any f
group on D-day?

Another experience
about 2:00 A.M. D
to locate our ene
canals and when
arent over first
about 2 feet wi
took a bigger th
middle of a p
from daylight as

George E. Koskimaki
13914 Edmore Drive
Detroit, Michigan 4

October 16, 1965

Mr. Henry Roseetti
3905 W. 78th St.
Chicago 52, Illinoi

Dear Hank:

Many thanks for you
additional names an
developing from just
with.

I am so pleased wit
wonderful with the
about Wallahan. We
Destiny but there i
may be that they ma
mentioned a medic n
never returned. Th
by that name. I'm
recall if one of th

will send questionn
driver, would Carle
library in town, I'
little by little th
guy is what does it

Am sending you $ 10
It isn't much but i
provided.

Sincerely yours,

George Koskimski

1. Name **Mr. Hector A. R**
Member of which unit

2. Please circle campaig
borne Division:

3. Did you parachute int
jot on this mission?

4. Were you acquainted w
Cap. Army-Wrenn or messa

5. If yes can you suppl

6. If yo[u] were a prisoner
were you with? Colonel
involved in any of th
If not, do you know a
these actions? *Army*
address unknown
If you start a number
at Lee Interview

7. Do you have any of th
visit any you know

8. Do you know the name
he survive the war?
Colonel Johnson was wounded 300

9. Can you recall the co
as for food, weapons

10. If you were a member
call a soldier named
he survive the war?

on D-day. I have tra

12. If you were sent out
of D-day, how did you
light?

13. Do you know any of th
Tech. Sgt. Leroy Burton, Juarez
Sgt. Maj. and Father Sampson

14. Can you recall the na
can give you n

* Qs 9/891. of 3rd Batt. Medics
Be sure to contact Father Sa

Captain Jacobs
to the 320th Batta
way through t
had lost their

If you would
Bastogne and
to help you a

Do you have
who was killed
evening of Dec
also the addr

1. Name Mr. Hector A. Rou
To which unit in the re

2. Who were your ranking o

3. What impressions have r

4. How many men from your
ber?

5. What was your landing l

6. What was your mission?
Did you complete it?

7. Did you join Colonel Ho
dash to the rocks?

8. What was the terrain li

9. Were you a member of an
If yes, describe the ac

10. Describe any of the hig

11. How did the day end for

12. Do you recall any forme
ticular group?

George E. Koskimaki
13914 Edmore Drive
Detroit, Michigan

October 4, 1965

Mr. Hector A. Cous
555 Hope St.
Springdale, Connec

Dear Hector:

Mary, many thanks
the responses of t
seem to have the
the service must

Each time some one
of people who can
the list you've pr
ready contributed
is another who was
you know a medic
and both got silv

The Robert Harger
Heddco. He jumpe
He was with the U
the early fighting

I am told that Cap
was the reason he
interested is: Dr.
I am at it, here i
Chaplains Div. Hq.
terested in the bo
Presse. It is writ
in Korea. He hap
ment in Germany a

I do not have an a
the crossing of th
interrogations I w
copy of all letter
to time.

I am sending you a
not have one. It
your help very muc

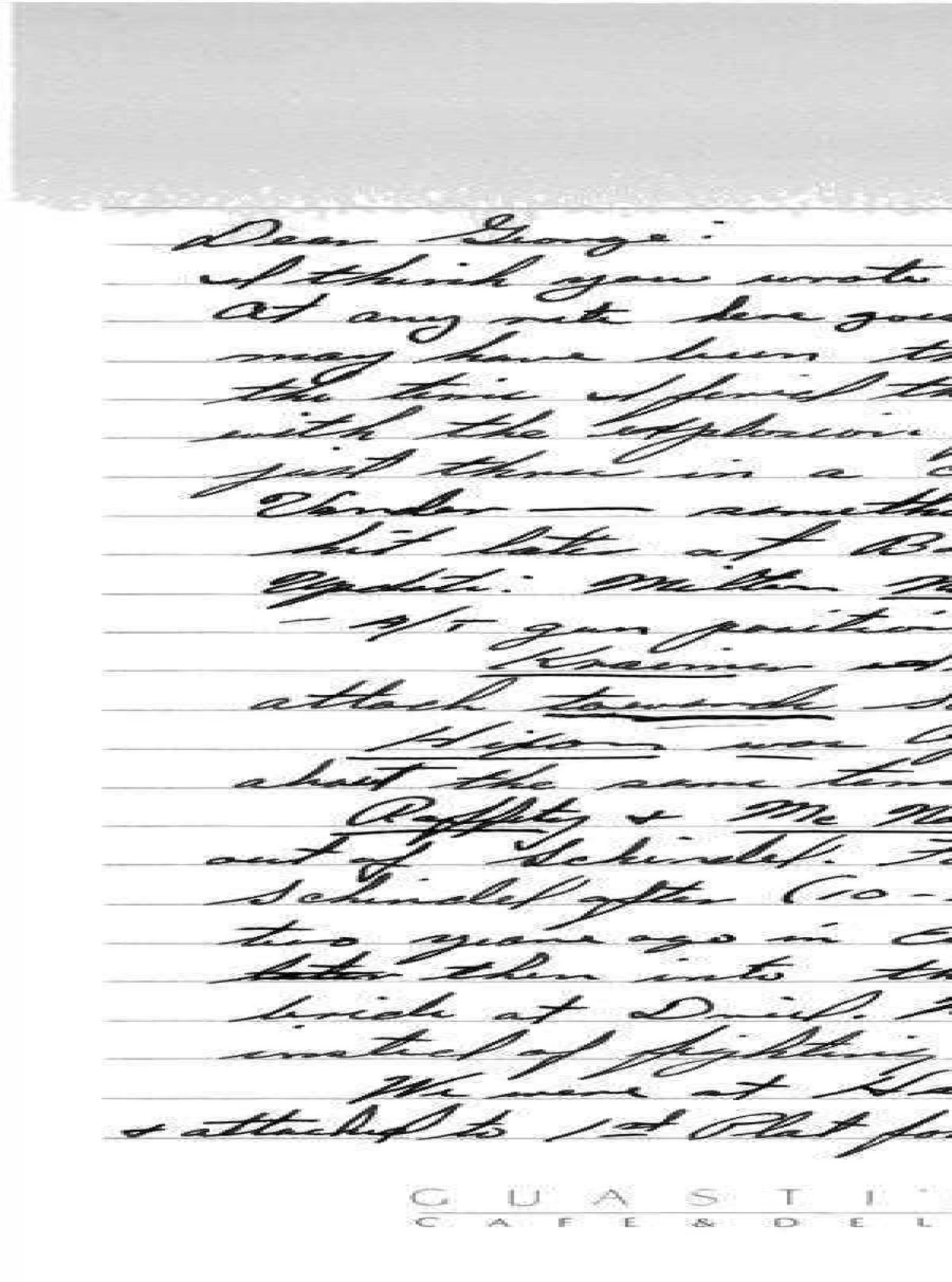
Many thanks again.

George Koskimaki

RH
H

Frank:
I've taken this time
review the material
men of the division
the reports of some
interesting as I see
tied together like a
Have enclosed a map
gave me in 1984. The
on it but I tried to
some of the little c
area. I can visualiz
the railroad viaduct
By the way, I have f
that Paul Sanders wa
at the British anti-
sure he was there. I
before the Nashville
I think the operatio
was Sgt. Milton L. N
others might be PFC
L. Tryon. Sgt Willar
KIA on 10/5 also. Lt
McNabb were killed o
was?
David Smith of Regim
in that smoke stack.
that was later used
Sgt Krombholz was th

bridge. John E. Thomas was with
Were any of your people at the
evening of the 17th when it was
William Burd was killed? I remem
(Ass't to Major Carrel) telling
there with the wounded. Did some
Clive Barney and Paul Sanders ju
Jansen's plane. Sanders says Jan
plane down in a belly-landing. B
Chutes come out of the burning p
one was Jansens. Hope I hear a f
years ago a Dutchmen asked if I
American soldiers they had found
train that was pulled up to a si
up ahead). They gave me a C. H.
Johnston. I figured C. H. Barnes
Modesto (died a few years ago as
their high school. I discovered
for Lt. E. Johnston was thesame
Jansen. I knew he lost a leg as
Chester Brooks was in the same a
Johnson as they rode to the hosp
enough strength to bitch at a so
you know I can't stand cigarette
I tell you this is fascinating w
too short. Wish Bob Phillips wer
long chats about his experiences
before he died on August 29, 197
out of Buckeridge though he prom
casualties in Holland. Pvt Willi

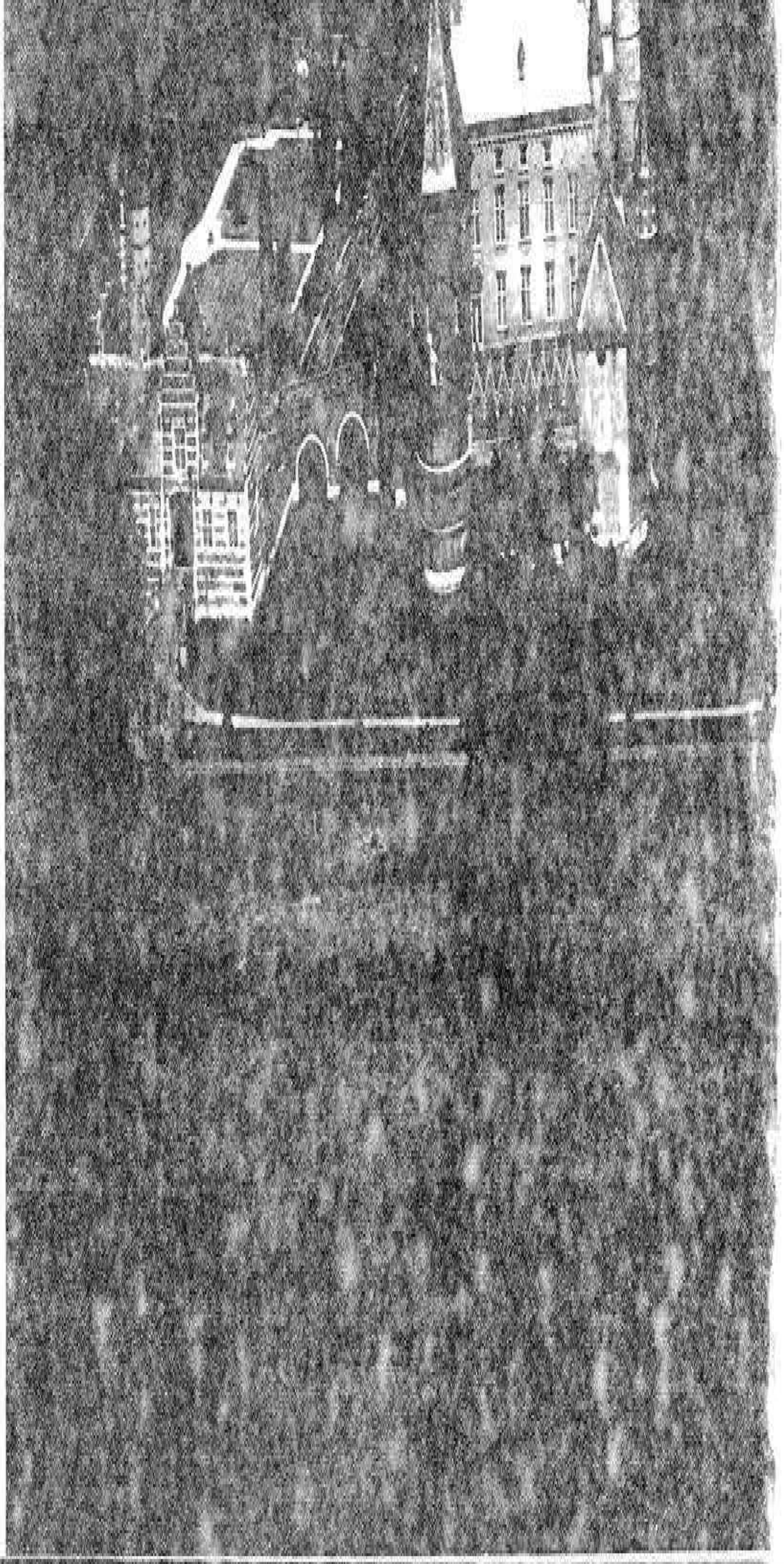


Kasteel Heeswijk en de voorburcht liggen elk op een eiland en vormen samen een imposant geheel

Heeswijk Castle and the forecastle each lie on an island and together form an imposing sight

Schloß Heeswijk und die äußere Festung liegen beide auf einer Insel und stellen zusammen ein imposantes Bauwerk dar

Le château de Heeswijk et ses remparts sont situés sur une île et formant un ensemble impressionnant



APRIL 12 1917

George:

Thanks for the Castle Picture.

To answer your questions:

Yes! I think Mr Tate's date as Q.M. & Supply Sgt. when he was made 1st Battalion Supply Sgt @ N.C. when I

Can help you with from now on, I'll
Telephone the UK, if that's OK with

I don't know how many injured may have been
in hospitals. They sent me back to the Company before

Peter E. Dillie Homes

P.S. Would appreciate the Address of:

CHARLES W. ELDER ✓

DAN C. OLNEY ✓

DONALD KRIEGER ✓

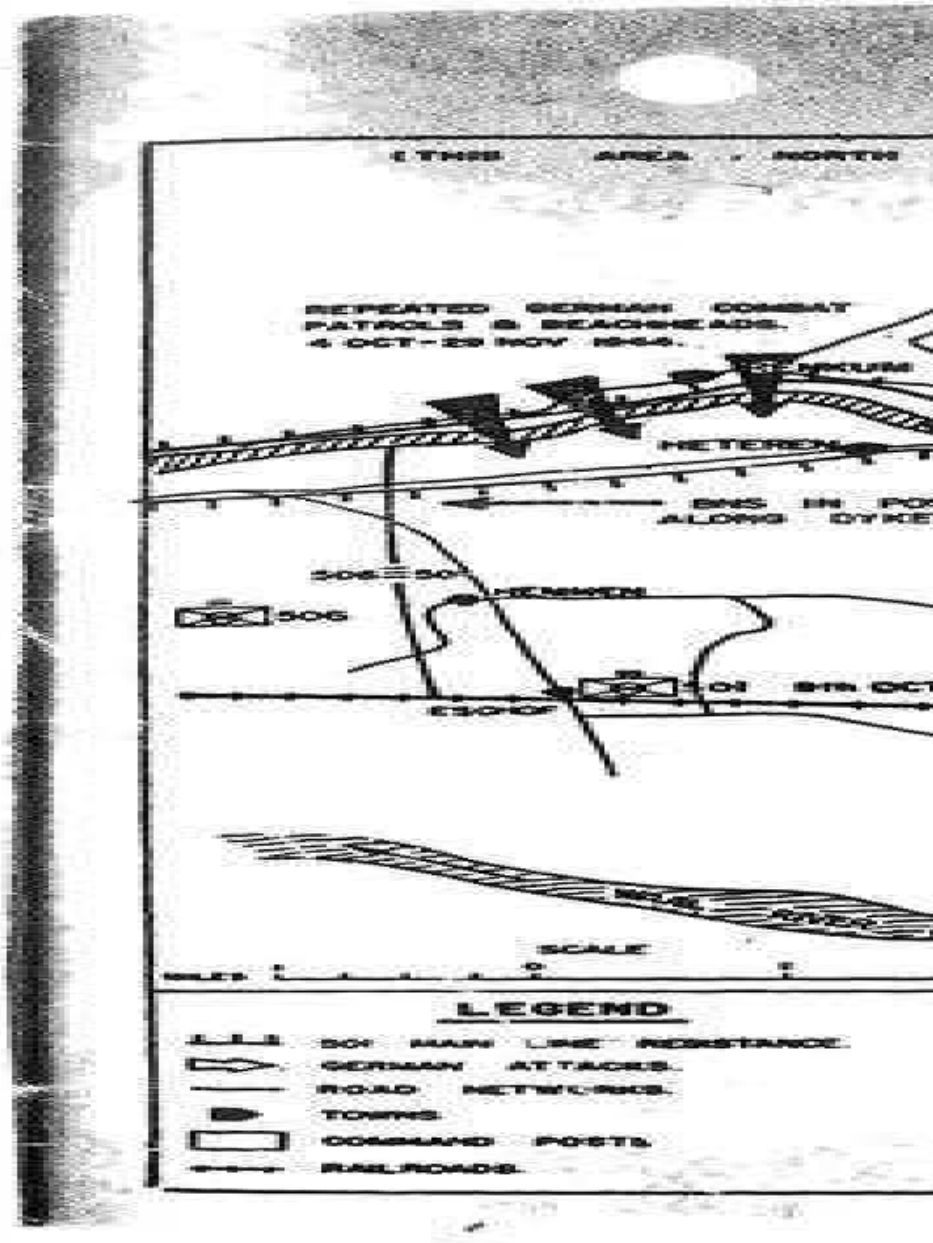
JAMES JAKE JACOBSON ✓

HILLEL Z. ROSENTHAL ✓

* Present reunion: C
** Out of county

(13) Michael T. Leshko
(11) PFC Harold J. Krajnc
(16) Andy J. Shiffla
(1) PFC Joseph J. Erb
(10) * Stanley J. Kolod
(5) Pvt Eugene L. Hill
(8) Floyd H. Henry
(12) Sgt Arnold E. Krau
(19) * Luther "Tex" Tei
(14) Pvt Jim Paraskeva
(17) Shilton
(6) Sgt William H. Nixon
(3) Hall
(Clerk) Bates
Sgt. Hubert (Hu
(8) Peshka
(15) Crosby
(2) Jerry D.
(18) Hotchkis
(7) Nathan (Na
(9)

Dear Mr. Kaskim
Even though I wa
Nov, 1992 in Jacks
in Holland, I sti
quite a few there
1994 (THE THIRD NIGH
D-D I was pulling
an apple crate. I
station that I was
a fellow named Ni
returned to the st
in FT. Benning & h
He was from Chic
while the rest of
& on the second
discharging me
interesting to
England were my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LEGEND
GERMAN ATTACKS.
ROAD NETWORKS.
TOWNS.
COMMAND POSTS.
RAILROADS.

Robert L. S
1318½ S St
Syracuse

Mr George
13419 Ed
Detroit
Dear Ge
Can
The Fellow
Picture

P. S. Pleas
you get the

Mr. Robert H. Phi
76 Montgomery Fer
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Phillips

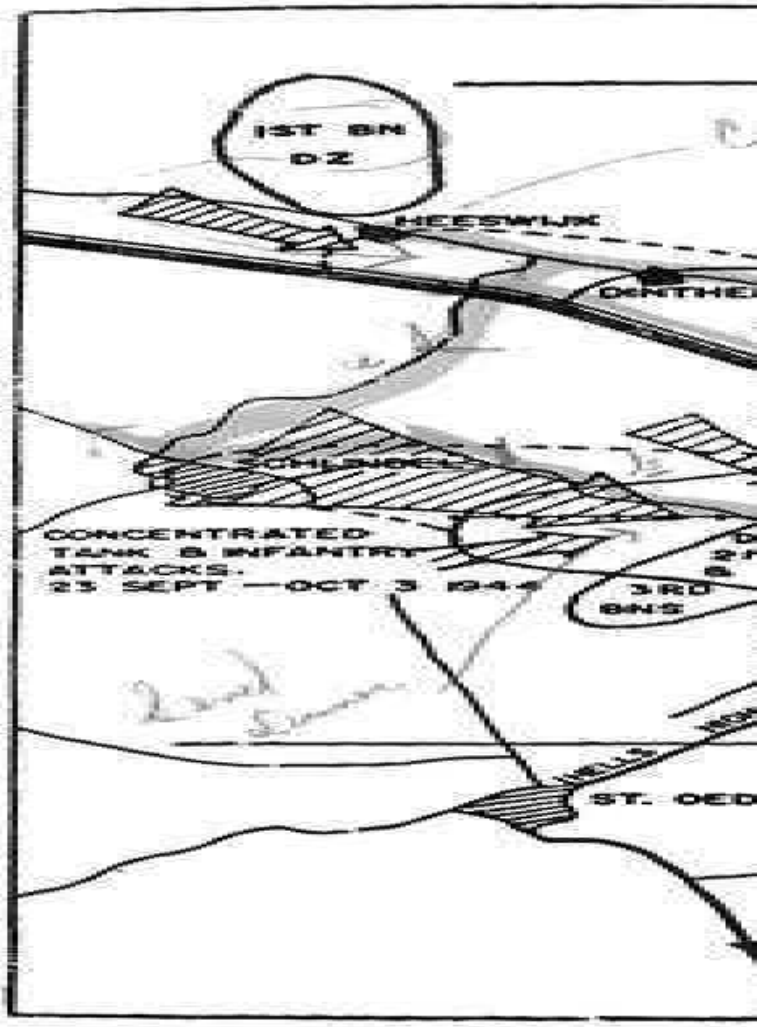
I have reache
some of the peopl
over the material
Regimental Headqu
Companies, and th
typewritten mater
years after the a
If you will r
and from it I pic
be interested to
of the others fro
they went in anot
well like the pic
I learned abo
him. He was with
All of the ma
appear in the nat
across the Channe
enemy held territ
of these chapters
years now -- have
who served with 2
week where he was
to Normandy. (Yo
visited" account
areas as was huma
afternoon prowlin
certain I visited
during that week
the church in whi
others were held
If Bill and John
away.

My wife and I
stories are still
of work that has

I had hoped t
a single person f
many of whom I co
couraging their p

Would you be
me and making any
material on the 5
comes to D-day ma

(32) Herb McWilliams - 4293
(11) William H. DeHuff - 101
(12) Thomas S. Beno - 14220
(14) John S. Eyers - 4134 N.
(29) Robert H. Phillips - 76
(6) Marshall A. Buckridge -
(1) John Cipolla - 82 Creek
(8) Frank C. Carpenter - 14
(18) W. W. House - Box 743,
(16) Robert R. Harwell - 417
(17) Edward J. Jansen - 435
(26) Howard C. Miller - 1300
(22) Guy Sessions - 2527 W.
(24) John Thomas - Box 288.
(35) George Zeborowski - 407
Elmer G. Arnesen - 2125
(3) W. P. Ashmore - 309 Kan
(5) John Bettencourt - P.O.
(7) Adam L. Canupp - 160 Co
(12) Jules Duc - 18747 Marth
(13) Charles W. Elder - Monr
(15) Geroge Gama - General D
(17) Tom Holland - Coon Lake
(21) Donald Krieger - 627 Sa
(20) W. A. Keown - 8108 Chel
(24) Kenneth Merchant - 200
(25) Paul Michelson - 1729 W
(27) D nald C. Moore - RFD.
(31) H. Z. Rosenthal - 7580
(1) John R. Armstrong - 231
(36) Thomas M. Rice - 709 Br
(2) Elmer G. Arneson - 1729
(23) Joseph P. O'Rourke - 31
(2) Lawrence M. Kuenzi - Ma
(10) William C. Copeland - B
(33) Robert E. Schill (Medic)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3RD
BNS
ST. OED

Pvt Christo

As a replacement,
Infantry Regiment as
of the heavier weapo
cleaning. McEwan wa

I was a machine
in open trucks. I
have the right clo
just outside of Ba
can wait here unti
with the rest of t
I walked into a wo
tube and some shel
sight. I had to d
farmhouse and the
a large old coal o
a sergeant were in
rest on some hayst
morning, with a be
headed east (I thi
Tiger tank fired a
moved out again al
machine gun at the
front of me. I wa
cover my right fla
firing off to my l
up my machine gun
single railroad tr
machine gun belt t
railroad track. I
I could hear bulle
loose and ran down
fight. It finally
quite a while. I
moving forward. I
and foggy. I set
action. I couldn'
front of me. As t
I could hear them
were committing th
came closer and cl
see their faces, b
gun back and forth
first two Germans
about six inches o
the ground and it
panicked. I heard
heard some of them
could see, there w
way behind the Ger
move would be I he
it was my own unit
finally came up be

unit. I set up my
Germans had. I op
The Germans had no
to knock me out.
knocking the trees
back. The concussi
out of my eyes, no
surrendering. As
one prisoner made
shot him.

We later moved t
been on Hill 510.
cold and blowing s
It had been burnin

From my position
fire. I wished th
down there. I had
short of weapons a
cold and someone d
down to our fox ho
German soldier tha
him with my machin
back to Bastogne c
It being so cold i
a bar. We didn't
able to get a cant
a Tiger tank came
He didn't see us t
It sent the chicke
all kinds or racke
they were the high
thought we were ge
was a BAR man off
air and started wa
up with the machin
see them. We late
they were 327th. C
my platoon sergean
one had loaned me
heard footsteps ru
ing it was a Germa
shots at the dark
shooting at me?' I
for not letting me

It wasn't long a
Bastogne. My feet
stilts. The medic
turning color. Th
think it was going

After discharge fr
to his unit, Christo
Squadron. He remaine

CHRISTOPHER MCEWAN
3480 VALLEJO COURT
COLORADO SPRINGS.

DEAR FELLOW TROOPE

I APOLIGIZE FOR NO
WAS OPEN IN THE RO
TO BEGIN WITH. I J
REPLACEMENT AT ARD
KNOW AFTER THE HOL
BY ORDINANCE. I W
CAME. WE WERE LOAD
KNIFE. IT WAS COL
CLOTHES OR RATIONS
OUTSIDE OF BASTOGN
WEAPON CAN WAIT HE
DECIDED TO GO UP W
THE OUTSIDE OF BAS
HOUSE. I FOUND A
FOR AWHILE. IT HA
JUDGING WHEN I FIR
BELGUIM COUPLE REA
OLD COAL OR A WOOD
AND A SARGENT WERE
GET A LITTLE REST
BUILDING. THE NEX
AROUND MY NECK. I
STOPPED AND LAYED
BUT IT HIT THE ROO
SINGLE TRACK RAILR
THE EDGE OF A WOOD
ME. I WAS ON THE
COVER MY RIGHT FLA
I HEARD FIRING OFF
NEEDED HELP. I PIC
RUNNING UP THE SID
THE TOP OF THE RAI
DRAGGING ALONG THE
THIS LEFT ME STAND
HEAR BULLETS WIZZI
GOT LOOSE AND RAN
GOT INTO THE FIGHT
BEHIND MY MACHINE
EVERYONE ELSE WAS.
FOR QUITE A DISTAN
UP MY MACHINE GUN
ACTION. I COULDN'
NOISE UP IN FRONT
THAT IT WAS THE GE
CANISTERS WERE MAK
UNFORGIVABLE OF TH
CLOSER AND CLOSER
NOT SEE THEIR FACE

RAKING MY GUN BACK
PICKED UP THE TWO
I CONTINUED TO FIR
FIGURED THEY WERE
HIT SOME OF THEM.
SHOUTING ORDERS TO
MOANING. THEN IT W
THERE WAS DEAD BOD
BEHIND THE GERMAN
NEXT MOVE WOULD BE
LEFT. I REALIZED
THEN CIRCLED TO MY
WHO WERE ENGAGED I
GUN IN A POSITION
FIRE AND WAS DELIV
HAD NO WHERE TO GO
KNOCK ME OUT. BECA
FIRE. IT WAS KNOC
WERE HITTING ME ON
WAS YELLOW STICKY
THE FIGHT ENDED WI
GATHERED THE PRISO
PRISONER MADE A RU
AND SHOT HIM. WE
BELEIVED IT MIGHT
ANOTHER TROOPER AN
CONTACT HIM. IT W
TOWN OF BISORY WAS
ALL NIGHT AND DAY.
FROM MY POSITION I
WITH FIRE. I WISH
COULD HAVE WENT DO
FROM THE SIDE. AS
WASN'T ANY AVAILAB
DID BRING US A BLA
OUR FOX HOLE TO SE
GERMAN SOLDIER THA
SAID I GOT HIM WIT
FOX HOLE WITH ME W
BOTTLES OF WINE AN
BROKE THE BOTTLES.
MUCH TO EAT. SOME
CANTEEN CUP FULL O
TIGER TANK CAME OU
ROUNDS OF 88'S. H
HEN HOUSE OFF TO O
FEET IN THE AIR.
FLAPPING THEIR WIN
HIGHEST FLYING CHI
THOUGHT WE WERE GE
OVER A LITTLE RIDG
FLANK WHOSE NAME I
SOMEONE RAISED A W
THE B.A.R. MAN SHO

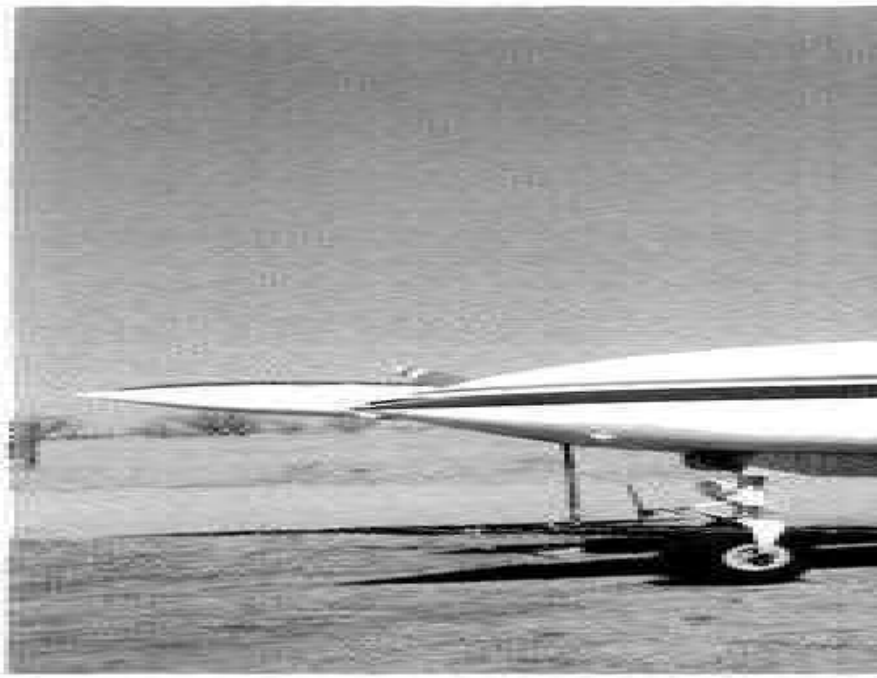
MACHINE GUN AND RA
THEM. WE LATER FO
I BELIEVE WAS THE
ALMOST SHOT EITHE
MISTAKE. I HAD A
AT THE FARM HOUSE
RUNNING TOWARDS ME
WAS A GERMAN RUNN
SHOTS AT THE DARK
"ARE YOU SHOOTING
HE THEN APOLIGIZE
AM ALSO TRYING TO
THAT THE 4TH ARMOU
WERE BADLY FROZEN.
MEDICS CAME AROUN
TURNING COLOR. TH
I DIDN'T THINK IT
MY OUTFIT. THERE
I KEPT TELLING THE
TO GET BACK TO MY
MUCH. THAT A MAJOR
DISCUSSTION AND HE
DECIDED THEN I BET
THEY FINALLY FLEW
BACK TO MY OUTFIT.
GERMANY. I SOON F
OUTFIT. THEY MUST
WAS A LICENSED PI
ASSIGNED ME TO A
OUTFIT UNTIL THE E

I AM NOW RETIRED E
STILL FLYING AIRPL
INF. REG.. I BELEI
THE 3RD SQUAD 1ST
NUMBER WAS 3265788
FOUGHT WITH. ENCL
STILL HAVE RELATIV
I'LL MAKE IT A POI
THANK YOU FOR CONT

SINCERELY YOURS.

Christopher McE

CHRISTOPHER MCEWAN



The story was prepare

These occurances are only as
years since these events began
I was drafted into the Army in
age was 21) at Los Angeles, Cali
Fort McArthur, CA we were give
The Air Corps required a college
hand for the paratroopers. A few
unknown.

Our first stop was at Douglas,
We were allowed to get off for a
arrived at a place in northeast G

Upon arrival at Camp Toccoa
questioned, "Do you want to be
arrival was "disqualified". A "sur

Colonel Howard Johnson was
troopers should have their own b
band members were "hidden" in

(Note: it was my understandin
musicians and would not be auti
riflemen and could jump.)

I believe it was Tom Jones wh
Col. Johnson explaining the stat
-- Johnson stated that the band
knew just where we fit--was this

Within a couple of days after th
musical experience in civilian life
band was not a volunteer group!
membership. There was no "es
by the name of George Bender
Colonel Johnson for an "extensi
restricted as a result of this offer

(Note: Do you remember Phil
names of any musician, then co
couple meals at Regimental HQ
to transfer.)

While the band had the same
redundancy of field exercises. F
etc. were included in our basic t
of the rest of the Regiment.

Once we arrived at Camp Mac
taps but still continued with adva
left at camp as guards at the vac
were not as frequent as one wou
Deam as first sergeant.

(Note: I do not recall ever hav
sergeant only after the war and
sergeant??)

Overseas debarkment was ma

name on "F" Company's roster.
rosters as well. Nevertheless w

In January of 1944 we arrived
Newbury. We were located in a
participated in training. Sometim
reorganizing after a jump. I don'
remember either.)

When the D-Day operations oc
duties, and pretty much left to ou
wherever we could most of the t
with a can of evaporated milk. (N
souces and combinations. Of c
for . The Band at this time as un
CO and Sinai Bordeleau was the

When the Regiment returned t
musical duties and combat traini
transferred out with negative res
demolition platoon. To this day I
501st. Of course he later went i
killed twelve demolitions me and

Prior to the Holland mission, h
to the marshaling area. All of ou
were to depart early the next day
that General Patton and his troop
a night jump to close the Falaise
wide escape route for them.) Th
usual task of "guarding barracks

Due to the long combat engage
Mourmelon, France. We rode in
were given the duties of guardin
camp for the Regiment's return.
the band" as Colonel Johnson ha
before the Regiment was called
platoon of :I" Company. I believe
such short notice we were not to
replacement prior to a planned a
steel without liner, a bayonet, no
was to be much needed in the da

(Note: we were so short of sup
was from you (Cinquanta) as I fo
after returning from Holland is th
in the same boat. We did not wa

We were constantly told that w
Bastogne. Of course the promis
an M-1 rifle along the side of the
Wardin to meet the Germans he
Company "I" suffered many casu
as others were captured during t
the company commander, Capta
Wardin encounter I finally fot a c
after searching and pleading a ge

would have more need for it than

To the best of my knowledge t
individuals went AWOL to the rif
was nearing an end and the large
as Colonel Johnson created it. I
At that time I was medically evac
seen any of the former band me
I had corresponded with Richard
band members has been lost. In
and Cinq.

(Note: The Dance Band part n
Hospital in May 1945 and read in
not hear them, did not have a rad
that I was there. The rest of the

George Kos

Good

away from th

of when I

copies

(1) gene

(2) Updated

(3) July 19

of the

(4) Aug 19

after

An afraid

an old wound fr

occurring in Vietn

readily at under

in making the deci

Vytant J. Vaishvilla.

I enjoyed our phone
were the officers in the
the story. The question

It has been a year s
still alive. Records are
blur as the replacements
at Wardin decimated I Co
up first hand accounts o
of unwritten history in
(still in hospital.) but
rain.

I assume that you ha
seems fairly well accepte
Tanks and a battalion of
account captures with gre
also in the third platoon
officer whom he mentions
to live — —follow me."

It took a number of
to cause such a tragic o
The story really begins
losing Platoon Leaders W
of 1st/Sgt Tubbs, platoo
could not be filled in a
but they didn't even kno

Sargis, who replace
cannon round of the lead
event and was still quit
before he died.

The big unanswered
Destiny, and in every ot
tween the armored units
"They passed like two sh
McMahon's account the ta
doubt that after many ho
a certain callousness de

One of the best sou
Frank, who passed away l
commit to paper what hap
a hilltop to erect the a
with Battalion. Frank s
to the CP and pinpointed

The books say that
two different roads with
first platoon being hit
the Tigers coming straig
through the house killin

machine gunner was firin
Rector, his #2 gunner.
today, it was Gauthier w
second tank machine gun

There was apparentl
as Capt. Wallace's order
of "abandone ship!", see
was one of the first out
of T/4 Gullo, Sgt. Ketsd
the final scene. They
a creek bend. The tank
the rear unencumbered si
between men Shoemaker we
down already. Ketsdever
body and right behind hi
escape when the tank mov
KIA on 19 Dec 1944. The
is Jan. 18, 1945. He co
Lloyd of the second plat

Lt. Bob Harrison an
third platoon and must h
told Harrison was KIA in
Stars in Hell" which is
and generous Lt. Bob Har
finished the story. Har
over-run. The Belgiums
same camp where Gielow w
Hospital was taken outsi
and he confided in Howar
the war wouldn't last th
miles from the prison an

Howard Gielow could
I believe he would be ne
with pneumonia going int
still Executive Officer
nagging question. I had
in Wardin. He is offici
he die in the prison cam

Most of the I Comp
brought in to Mourmelon.
with little or no combat
everything together I Co
Lt. General Ewell said i
wrong time. It is a pit

Now you know what I
that many can, please do

cc/ McMahon, Giel

M G Finn
Box 172
Eastport MI 49627
46-599-

I Company -- 501,

The 1988 reunion was
pitality remarkably nice,
faces many for the first t
double 1987's attendance.
in Grand Rapids, Mich. (I
Many of our I Co. troopers
sufficient lead time to pl
and two new ones were adde
you a month ago. We now

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The list of those att
were there for the first t
His memory carries in gre
great commercial for the t
see him looking so fit.
as his wife was ill. Fre
on his face swapping sea

And we had our old l
He is still thoughtful, s
less on the dome. Glenn
lovable than bowser was v
passing of our regular Fr
out to see their friends.
who became CO of I Company
running for State Repr. i
ficers going into Normand
a wire to the Hotel with

Our Father Sampson,
delivered a very funny an

remember was from General
of the gathering is from
It really is true. We ar
made them more resilient.

Steve Bykowsky organ
the initiative to find an
I Co. attendees. A most
in finding one lost troop

Everyone volunteerin

These were our attendees

Steve and Eleanor Bykowsk
Bob Eddy and Barb Kennedy
James Edgar
Mike and Muriel Finn
Ruthe Guzy and Sister
Leslie and Evelyn Harris
Rex and Ruth Hermanson
Richard and Peg Ketsdever
Fred Klaczak
Bill and Morgan

There are a bunch of
year. Bill McMahon, who
going; Walt Mainerich who
Garron and Bill McHugh --

For those of you tha
Half of these men I've ne
All were I Company comrad

Walter R. Lloyd	Mas
Harold L. Best	N.
Ernest W. Bieling	N.
Earl D. Hoaglin	N.
Donald F. Hoyt	Con
Michael J. Martin	Nia
George J. Sooby, Jr	N.
J. W. Chevalier	N.
Steve Saper, Jr.	Pa.
Andrew S. Haines, Jr	Pa.
Charles W. Fischler	Pa.
Dale H. Fleming	Md.
Edward A. Rushing	Md.
Ralph L. Pool	Md.
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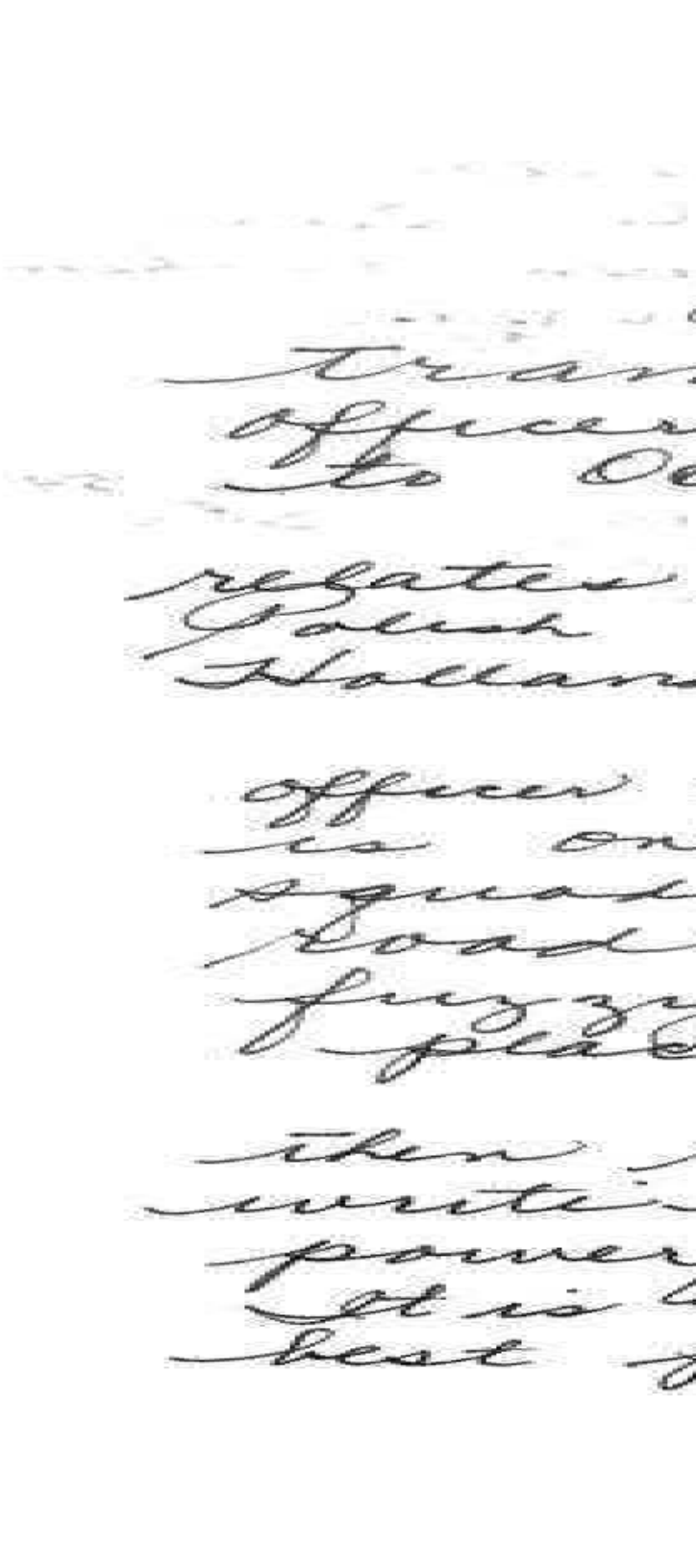
Ernest M. Daugherty	Va.
Ancil W. Ruggles	W. Va

17 found now
living -



Sept. 22 (Friday)
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noon and went ba
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fired upon about
was really the f
further down. Ju
who had 17 men.
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400 rounds from
a hand grenade.
pared for a hot
Sept. 23 (Saturd
ing grenades at
the stray bullet
We had 15. Could
bridge. They att
them down and ba
and Schneider we
the (MG) gun. Fi
effect s of a ma
attack beaten of
wounded. Glider
our area. 40 dea
took over the br
regiment, last r
NE of town. So w
and cleaned our
went to bed on t
Sept. 24 (Sunday)
rations and had
three of us play
near the bridge.
see how we made
sleep.
Sept. 25 (Monday)
house. They made

Cpl. Ja

"I remember the
missions after we
near Chartres. Ap
so fast he made t
the Holland drop
into Holland in t
canal at Veghel a
SMASHES through c
Many of us conclu
Christmas, but it
"I recall Sept.
flight over Holla
heevy flak. In fa
belly and wounded
his name. We went
"During the fir
in the Veghel are
to accomplish our
"I remember the
drive on through
we waited and wai
Colonel Howard Jo
visual inspection
happened to the I
replied, 'We don'
not need the Brit
to apply any heav
around Nijmegan a
grapevine that th
there than we tho
"I remember the
overcome with joy
food and blankets
fight along side
"After we had t
fields outside of

another putting t
penetrate. This p
I remember the ta
position and movi
had been issued a
substance wrapped
moved closer I th
what the hell am
out I didn't have
explosion and smo
access to an anti
turret. That stop
of the company co
and respect for t
highest degree.

"After we had b
against the Germa
were moved furthe
that we were movi
along the dike.

"The rumor was
attitude in defer
been so because o
dike to the field
some 50-75 yards
hole because I co
so as not to expo
the digging stopp
on top of the jac
Then he went vigo
arrogance! I'm go
other guys to 'wa
trusty M-1 and so
million pieces. I
sure they could h
that there was ve
serious and real

harrassing volley
was during one of
Darcey can tell y
"I remember one
when we were alon
activity. It had
Harbison was one
suddenly we heard
heels backward to
sniper got Harbis
and said, 'Did he
OK. I can't say t
right in the midd
that made it look
cautious after th

had 15. Could ge
bridge. They att
them down and ba
and Schneider we
the (MG) gun. Fi
effects of a mac
attack beaten of
Glider boys fina
dead counted. It
I could get no i
trying to stave
the bridge the r
empty house and
had plenty of me

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*Private Rober
with the Silver
Marshall Sir Ber

"Sept. 29 - Ge
our platoon move
fire. One lit fi
ditch. Ears rang
dug him out in t
off on both side
12 men left. Too
from rain and so
hear much. No sl

"Sept. 30 - Fo
Left Germans lay
were fighting Ge
another company
position. My fir
meant."

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*From diary of
Holland campaign

Sept. 14 – we were just no
of the Siegfried Line to m
job and we should make out
man will carry his own map
regret it.
Sept. 16 – We take off tom
time: 0920, Engine 10:05,
1305. I'm sitting here tak
huge map of Holland stands
own individual thoughts an
biggest operation in histo
Sept. 17: At 1305 Sunday,
tive. As I stood in the do
very little flak. We dropp
small town (Eerde). My pla
went mad with joy. They ga
kissed and hugged us madl
chutes.
Sept. 18: So far all is we
today it still remains the
us -- I hope.
Sept. 19: At 0700 today th
sight it is to see U.S. ma
through and will continue
the Rhine and Germany. The
great day for the Hollande
town. It's very quiet exce
was hit but so far I still
We still are expecting the
We have contacted the enem
keep going east to Germany
Sept. 23: It's been four d
battling furiously. The Ge
tanks' supply line which w
sleep and very little food
caught out in the middle o
and Pvt. George Smith was

attacked by the enemy — Tw
The enemy's artillery and
have been high. — I just l
We finally got a supply of
hands right here. Thank Go
is my only inspiration to
are now passing overhead.
out of the sky. They don't
a lot of guts to fly those
the supplies they are brin
Michaux) shot in the head.
Sept. 27: (01200): Days ha
Stripes" and their headlin
that we are lost. Very lit
and being wounded or kille
infantry reach us. A few d
a shell hit beside us. It
completely. He was a damn
him. Its been eleven days
take off my boots and wash
worn out. They need rest b
terday we took a few that
kids that young. Yet its k
Sept. 28 (1003): A beautif
rain came death to 8 of ou
who were taking a terrific
hit the trees and threw sh
quite a few. It's a helluv
of the enemy and our boys.
tanks. Both his legs and a
this same road farther nor
German speaking sergeant w
in order to bring some of
sergeant was out he tried
odds. The Germans took him
They laughed at himbecause
this war would last three
in England. He thought it

that he would be killed if
the night and ate with the
vince them they were outnu
British pushing up from th
where we go from here. My
divisions up there.
Sept. 29 (1800): We're bac
not much. Last night, Lt.
nearly froze our asses off
about four different times
faces. but I was pretty hu
in Holland, a few days lat
He told me his plane was s
my men to get ready to jum
foot. How did I know the p
Today w ile there wesn't
fifle men out in front of
We did. Just about a compe
about 300 yards of them an
of laying there my mortar
position and drop 20 round
we caught them with their
and wounded double that nu
et us with all they had. B
little excitement and I ca
Sept. 30 (1810): Yes I saw
my first squad sergeent wa
friend, there amidst all t
saw tears come to the eyes
pieces at the loss of his
Had to draw (a sketch of a
I wanted. He gave horse an
never see it again. We use
Oct. 12: Many days have pa
airborne unit had been ver
counterattacks of the enem
one beachhead they had on
were amazed at the amount
ful concealment about 400

we dug our fox holes and p
we sent some parachute fla
coming our way loaded with
the morning the Jerries sl
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George Willey
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the highway throu
the streets of Ve
Eindhoven. In the
Hawk, Hamel and J
in Easy Company a
"Easy landing.
in Veghel and ord
up and down the s
to dig positions
"Next morning
our company tryin
Easy Company lost
trees over their
morning to help b
approached by Ger
tank with a bazoo
through the turre
escaped our fire
One the Island
Germans were on o
during the night.
mortar fire. Late
roads where I was
"We occupied h
Only the attic co
This was near cro
first rum ration
"Sgt Foreman h
we suspected was
direction of fire
Help from the
the information w
factory.

#437

NAME & Rank: WILLEY IN GE

CURRENT ADDRESS 4835 SE

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? YES
NORMANDY MISSION? LAND
D/V ENTRY INTO C

(A) What was the mission of
CONTROL OF THE
CANAL BRIDGE

(B) Did anything unusual hap
OUR PLANE HIT

(C) Do you recall names of o
glider? SGT BACH,

(D) Who was in charge of tha

(E) Who was your company/bat
LT TURNER IN EASY Co Plato

(F) Who was first sergeant?

Medic?

(G) What recollections do yo
this mission? EASY LAN
PACKS APPROACHE
BAZOOKA UP FR
RACING UP & DO
HEDGE WE WERE
RAIL ROAD

(use additional space if ne

(H) Much action took place b
island between the two bran
memorable experiences durin
TANKS IN FIE
OUR COMPANY IN
HEDGE. FIRST
IN 30 MINUTES
OVER THEIR HEAD
COMPANY NEXT
STRENGTH W.P. AT
GERMAN INFANTR
TANK WITH A BA
SHELL THROUGH TAN
THAT ESCAPED ON
BY FOX COMPANY

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri
BRITISH & GERMAN
GRENADES WERE TH
JOHNSON WAS KILL
ALONE GERMAN PLANE

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) OC
DYKE AT NIGHT.
DYKE FOR GERMA
INCREDIBLE PATRO
BRITISH NATIONS

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation?
due) SGT FOREMAN
ON RAIL ROAD C
GERMANS FOR CB

(L) In what way(s) were you
THE ASSISTENCE
INFORMATION WE
PATROLS TO THE

(M) What is your most vivid
WE WERE AB
TROOPERS BACK

(N) Have you ever gone back
YES. If yes, were you a
were your friends during
A NEW HIGHW
OUR POSITIONS O

(O) Describe briefly what yo
1945 TO 1949 AIRCA
1949 TO 1952 @ TH
LABORATORY 1953 TO 69

(P) Have you exchanged visit
___ If Yes, name some of
JOE KENNY FORMER
FORMER SQUAD LEA
1969 LABORATORY
1983 RETIRED

In recalling the a
rest for re-equippin
came about for his g

One evening a bu
not remember the n
all enjoyed the ev
on KP (did not go
guys going to be t
asked. While in t
had heard about th
was one of his usu
The next morning
somewhere unknown.

As 1st Battalion m
Bastogne, the S-2 se
of the 1st Battalion

Sgt. (Grandin) J
it was Carl Fechtm
carbine or a magaz
ammo for me but st
single shot. (From
pretty well equipp
their scouts to me

PFC Robert I. Wick
Bastogne area early

It was so foggy
met a man from the
confiscated, since
out a tank just sh
round from the 'B'
enemy with the lea
We were some die
mile to one mile f
the 101st Division
if those guys are
were led to believ
I had not seen a
into. On our righ
our left a hill.
close with just a
appeared to turn r
thought too, that
which was where I
We were probably
first jeep went ar
sitting just aroun
jeep and the secon
us just a moment b
buzzing by so thin

In nothing fla
and was joined b
That tank had
ly. I asked the
'It's all set to
things and told
who should give
front of the tan
in front of us.
have thought he'
knocked out and
the right of the
3rd Battalion an
us eventually jo

Being assigned t
ment and having a
came to returning
happened one night
made:

One thing that
Herman Koeppl.
hill above where
on the front lin
yards forward.
him to get me up
cover of darkness
and knew immedia
sight. Moving b
now to think of
I came across
had seen anythin
spoke with a hea
we captured him
headed back to y
Now what? I a
man I met if any
seven men coming
captured my man.
Herman Koeppl
1936, I believe,
in 1st Battalion
opinion, he was
language. It was
we would use Fec

S/Sgt Ahzez Karim
his friends, were a
Bastogne as they pa

John Grogan, my
were frantically
fronts of their t
Bastogne was goin

It wasn't long af
that 2nd Battalion
first experience in

As the 501st mo
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us with 88's, mor
ground was being
over the place. S
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eight feet up in
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helmet and cut de
White's helmet wa
eyes. I asked if
he would try. Sgt
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talked Young into
aid station but I
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looked like a war
veterans of a wel
took and not pani

After the morter
location it was fel
what the enemy was
wrote:

Late one day Lt
lines up the vall
thought to be pla
the hill and a fe
'Lt. Phipps, if w
outpost.' Phipps
there for about t
Toward the end of
tank tracks. Lt.
they are grouping

It was dark now
was dangerous goi
guys at the outpo
we stayed down un

up to the top o
were carrying o
They had a fire
tremendous pain
with him to sho
me!'

The next morn
S-2 had made som
attack was comi
move all our 81
across the wood
attack. Phipps
enough so if th
weapons at the
nades and ammo
overran our pos
81's, moved and
dug 3 to 4 feet
myself were sta
was talking whe
him as he went
from the edge o
one was okay. W
shell had explo
There was a pie
in diameter, ve
collar and rubb
credit for quic

In a few minu
incoming attack
hitting up and
direct attacks
shallow holes a
Pvt. Jose Jimen
ammo to my 81.
#1 and #2 kept
came from the o
the guns to the
staff sergeants
said to Phipps,
outpost!' Phipp
repaired!' I ca
the break. Root
looked down the
out of there an
three seconds,
hopped out, wen
make it back I
four 81's were
firing area tar
put nine rounds
any event, we p
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we stayed down ur

up to the top of
were carrying on
They had a fire
tremendous pain.
with him to shoo
me!'

The next morni
S-2 had made some
attack was comin
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across the woods
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weapons at the b
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shell had explod
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in diameter, ver
collar and rubbe
credit for quick

In a few minut
incoming attack.
hitting up and d
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Pvt. Jose Jimene
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came from the ou
the guns to the
staff sergeants
said to Phipps,
outpost!' Phipps
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the break. Root
looked down the
out of there and
three seconds, t
hopped out, went
make it back I w
four 81's were b
firing area targ
put nine rounds
any event, we pu
cover a couple o

S/Sgt Ahzez Karim
his friends, were a
Bastogne as they pa

John Grogan, my
were frantically
fronts of their b
Bastogne was goin

It wasn't long af
that 2nd Battalion
first experience in

As the 501st mo
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and I were diggin
us with 88's, mor
ground was being
over the place. S
in next to a tree
eight feet up in
ripped the white
helmet and cut de
White's helmet wa
eyes. I asked if
he would try. Sgt
the way medics we
talked Young into
aid station but I
seemed forever th
looked like a war
veterans of a wel
took and not pani

After the mortar
location it was fel
what the enemy was
wrote:

Late one day Lt
lines up the vall
thought to be pla
the hill and a fe
'Lt. Phipps, if w
outpost.' Phipps
there for about t
Toward the end of
tank tracks. Lt.
they are grouping
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of the battle.
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A captain was s
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were staying in
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his attention,
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lucky. They bac
started firing
took it from th
account of them
Destroyer Batta
The artillery
as quickly as i
aid station. So
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courage in pick
The call for 'M
never forget.

On another occa

Karim describes w

The next day
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reason for movi
to me but we fo
we had forest o
ahead of us. Th
Then with the t
thought, what t
to fire at. I h
find out where
couple of the g
We were looking
trooper to my r
of the chest. H
rolled him over
at him and said
hell there isn'
him on a stretc
At the sound
tree between th
sniper but in v
to pick out a t
hard way to fin
over to me and

walking across t
de saw them, but
every side of us
fight to the rig
was hard to tell
fire was coming

Some time late
in the chest to
and said he had
back toward the
white capes step
they took him to
and they had a s
trooper's chest.
days later the a
returned to the
trooper. That ma
the life of one

Once the push go
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Ahzez Barim descri

We moved to th
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regiments, batta
into a complete
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we shut down gun
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FIRST LIEUTEN
Parachute Infan
distinguished h
in the vicinity
heavy attack on
fighting ensued
taxed the stren
ordered to with
developed and t
MacGregor remai
to enemy fire,
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enemy by firing
killing several
to effect an or
he remained to
he became, temp
by counterattac
courage exempli
Entered militar

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*General Orde
Army, 30 March

PFC Anac

Assigned as a me
Regiment, PFC Anac

I was CQ (char
everybody up and
I said 'Yes Sir!
Everybody up. We
I was deluged
able. I was luck

Leone also remem
the medics, wantin

I was close to
han. They always
the war that I f
them up quickly

It often seemed
there was a specia

It was getting
The ground was f
dirt. I remember

Airborne troops
supplement the bas
Leone describes wh
in his unit when h

There was one
mounted .50 cali
anything about c
got into the par
put it back toge
lugging this big
I asked him wher
e ridge that h
the butterfly tr
and I told him t
by now, pitch bl

I took off up
I was passing Sh
sense going any
there, nice and

Later that nig
Then I heard som
had been killed.

Though American
Germans did) PFC "
stumbled on some e
carrying it in the
it. Leone describe

I was in a fo
German tanks ep
mortars, bazook
we were just ov
of the German t
for camouflage
set the tank on
we did. Sgt. Mc
said, 'Okay.' '
to traverse a l
starting to pou
were being shel
rout but we did
Three days la
going across th
It was a muddie
that is the one
still have that

PFC 'Cleto' Leo

him but which was

Another time
told to get ove
had foxholes du
woods. Well, Ger
hordes. We were
Wayne movie. Th
the guys behind
dent that struc
They had put on
fired the bazoo
about 20 feet i
'So and So got
laughing so har
running down th
troops in the p
was and I'll ne

The American G

Leone describes h

We built a cl
attend Mass six
must have spott
were doing, but
in. They killed
Christmas.

Leone had recei

just before depa

scene with the pr

On December 26th
OPLR in the Bizory
was hit with me. I
infiltrated into o
(machine pistol) a
had a hole through
about it--this was
the Krauts eventua
I was treated by
carried back to St.
were being treated.
helped by Belgian
share our hardship
Next we were put
ated. It wasn't too
warmth.
I'm not sure of
In their wake were
were negro soldier
the compassion of
in poor shape from
picked us up and c
to be allright now-
strong just to be
I was carried to
a tent hospital. I
warmth. A nurse se
Others were in wor
which I was so pro

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iAdd the story o
O'Connell received
patch had been afi
While on the MLR
was adequate--we w
that just before d
to be quiet and no

at a time. At the
cakes, king size.
(no syrup or butte
morale booster. It
back there was thi

101s

PAST NAT'L PRESIDENT
1975 - 1976

On December 26th, about 4
Bizory area when I was hi
was pitch dark and a 4(w-n
I was hit first with a Sc
a potato masher (grenade)
we got to laughing about
so that the Krauts eventu

I was treated by Capt. Ax
Peters Church in Bastogne
down in pews and on the f
(nurses). Very devoted pe

Next we were put into war
wasn't too bad there - no

I'm not sure of the day w
wake were streams of ambu
and I was greatly moved a
Many of our 101st men wer
black soldiers picked us
going to be all right now
strong just to be around

I was carried to the 107t
pital - it was very cold
my teeth chattering and i
nurse asked for my 101st
allowed her to snip it of
found out from a former 1
it). I was flown from Sed
April, 1945. It saddened

This is a sidebar:
While on the MLR outside
we were making do. However
some hot food would be at
We were to go to this spo
full of warm pancakes, ki
(no syrup or butter) and
It was not so much the ho
us. The MLR can be a lone

George and Eva -
I hope this
my appreci

I was CQ when I received a
and they repeated that. I
up!' We're moving out! I w
--mess kits--I was lucky t
We loaded into huge semi
Some of us had helmets, so
motley looking crew.
I was close to Sgt. McCl
They always wanted me in t
out that they wanted a med
Johnny Altic quite well.
In the vicinity of Bizon
tanks.with shells explodin
little fuzzy. Anyway it we
ground was frozen. The sho
some 88s coming in and the
if I knew anything about a
.50 cal. I had training in
paratroops over in England
There was one on a knocked
and put it back together a
--I showed him how to load
zeroed in. He showed me a
ated by the butterfly trig
told him to leave it alone
I took off up the road to
Shuler and Calahan. 'Hey G
had a hole dug right there
Later that night I heard
some mortar bounds. Next m
Another time I was in a
German tanks appeared with
bazookas, machine guns, ev
German infantry.Shuler man
some nets on the backs of
fire. We were told to get
McClure came up and said,
I saw McClure. We were sup
The Germans were starting
we were being shelled. We
to the woods. Three days l
across the field, Alticks
I said if the serial numbe
Believe it or not--I still
There was another time
shell it. We took refuge i
The walls were 4 feet thic
inspected, a shell had hit
were pretty lucky. The goo
Another time I was on CQ
with my platoon. We were
sloped down and went up ag
ally in hordes. We were th
guns, tommy guns, Mls just
coming across that field l
just mowing them down. The

a bazooka and they had put
bazooka and that coat tool
down the road yelling 'So
and so got blown up! Well
take off and to see that g
The other troops in the po
and I'll never forget it.

We built a church and al
six at a time. because we
--a group of guys--they di
bursts started coming in.
very fuzzy. I only had a t
three bursts came in. They
and Christmas.

PFC Way

A veteran of t
the Holland jump
surprise was com
combat started a
and total confus
"Company E was
of Vechel. This
As for the fli
perfect. No enem
jump area." Othe
Wilson (VeLion),
DeSimone, Veatch
commander. The p
night defending
was Ruel Papich
Barton.
"First hours o
People came out
face in a rain b
regrouping. The
railroad bridge.
"The beginning
down Hell's High
three or four da
and mud stopped
"Moved to fefe
nature. Order ca
pulling trousers
over rabbit type
action.
"The incredibl
Hugo Sims of HQ

INT

NAME Rank( ) Wayne Bengel

CURRENT ADDRESS 9218 Wayne

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/~~BATTE~~

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? _____

(A) What was the mission of y

(B) Did anything unusual happ

(C) Do you recall names of ot
glider? _____

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
_____ Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? _
_____ Medic? _____

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? _____

(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?)____

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation? __
due) _____

(L) In what way(s) were you

(M) What is your most vivid

(N) Have you ever gone back
_____. If yes, were you a
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what yo

(P) Have you exchanged visit
____ If Yes, name some of

Carl H. Cartl
of a group of six
bridge at Vechel
with Number 2 tea
the flight over,
scratches from fl
Teichman, Waldo B

"Colonel John
we were taking of
had a bridge to t
rail bridge at Ve
side to the road
two and a half mi
us how important
seize them before
Sunday afternoon
suppose to inspir
he was going to a
the battalions wo
even though the t
rough

"Everything w
an anti-glider po
me get up and mov
toward the bridge
We followed the r
the Dutch people
Sunday church clo
to them, and perh
as we were crossi
bandaging a Germa
German motorcycle
jumped off with h
the bridge by him
across, but Chief
got three more Ge
all we got twenty
rail to the road

And none of us go
Holland mission a
and no one cared.
was still alive o
and we had done o
"When I talke
the invasion of H
chocolate) for se
we had learned in
and a thousand an
cost your life in
of is ammo. We ca
in every pocket.
a submachine gun
rifles and all of
thing special you
explosinve that w
pounds into one.
we used them on b
And Chief used hi
grenades much, bu
knives in our boo
that were two-edg
razor sewn concea
and a 25 caliber
reach of my hands
concealed weapons
mitted against ou
to give up even i
"In the days
Sometimes nothing
but rather areas
had captured all
the highway holdi
and Nijmegan and
no one. Our team
south to Zon, eas

this would be cal
this must be diff
enemy but mostly
was building up a
to get to Vechel
frank, they stopp
their own damned
them in American
gas. I could writ
signing autographs
remember walking
40mm anti-aircraf
explained that we
or so, and the en
captain told this
what to do. Chief
once!' It was an
is enough!' He wa
and we helped eva
trucks and guns b
be a mystery to m
mostly ridiculous
historians as a w
"Toward the e
north to the isla
the Rhine River a
at Driel, the #3
old bell tower at
each separated by
north bank was wi
for the moment. W
back, but our own
day and a half on
wonder at the out
of the Rhine bank
back, and the 101
and the Germans c

being one of them
station was many
that about a comp
later turned out
their shiny black
and guns. And the
We knew they were
flat. All that da
500 yards, for be
the dike sounding
moving. They fire
trees and houses
artillery was Chi
and big guns. Of
and were now furi
they were things
somewhere, so our
got ready for a m
front of them. Th
were like the Bri
was the 'White Br
bread instead of
ulcers that day.
by dark we were c
down the dike tha
clip, and that wa
to stick it out.
yell back and for
and they had look
with our knives a
battalions must s
on our radios as
in along the bush
all night) and we
behind us again.
us. They must hav
being attacked. A

red beret, took o
top of the dike,
emptied his 45 at
them talking exci
hadn't fired at h
spread out along
massacre was beau
was over and the
intelligence maps
left.

"The other tw
very pleased abou
along with Gerera
Johnson would pro
killed a few days

Material take
of Frank "Chief"
the Minnesota nor
dated October 18,

Recalling way
island, Cartledge
much of the time.
cows, have chicke
pears from a near
a 2 x 4 so as not
to shoot the pig.

"There is the
with us to tell t

"I'll remembe
in the lead boat
Becker and Blanch
Frank and Canfiel
our flare popped
just above the br
rubber boats up t
And the long wait
the flashlight ha
intelligence outp
running for the r

load from the oth
a cast, terrified
swimmin. Ich cand

"And I'll reme
factory who got w
the dike and wond

Rank in Holland? _____

IND

NAME CARL H. CARTLEDGE

CURRENT ADDRESS P.O. Box 5

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATTE

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? yes
NORMANDY MISSION? In Co
drowned, broken b

(A) What was the mission of y
Invas #1 Team leader to me
proceed to seal bridge and

(B) Did anything unusual happ
the end of the glider caugh

(C) Do you recall names of ot
glider? My team jumpe
C. Ellis, Thom[illegible]

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your ~~company/batt~~ section
Lt. Hoffman Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? _
_____ Medic? _____

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? _____

about Frank Sayers "ch
of the Chipman acti

(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during

any incident that will
of a lot of things. Al
would be interested to
Hof Gustin looking fr
was ended. Jeeps were
come in for about 5 d

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri
the British pulled back
at Veteris for 1½ da
We stayed and Hab
sed best on his lead

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) S-
tion. We scrounged
chicken noodle, b
house nearby, and M
as not to get away,

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation? _
due) Just not much of
the company of Tiger
Wells, Sayers, Bro

Wells,

(L) In what way(s) were you
Johnson told us
believe what we
Atkinson who went across th

(M) What is your most vivid
and the "Incredible
the result of my "Dut
it was hairy, and

(N) Have you ever gone back
✓. If yes, were you a
were your friends during
and the other vets at
and had reminisced h

(O) Describe briefly what yo
Married, had 2 sons
business 9/1/51, ha
but briefly, and also

(P) Have you exchanged visit
✓ If Yes, name some of
can't remember hig

PFC Elr

PFC Elroy Huwe
glider on his sec
assigmment was to
the 101st Divisio

He and the pilo
occupants on boar

"We took off on
When we were abou
accidentially cut
channel. The pilo
A moment or two a
yellow 'Mae West'
sooner in the wat
back toward the c
cue boat heading
man beside the pi
He rejoined the c
had a good story
was Lee Runge.)

"As we approach
Son, I looked dow
were smashed to b
myself 'How in th
that mess down th
smooth and we did
machine gun, or s
the glider and he
was on a 'wagon t
setting along the
I saw that there
clothes and hair
out of their nest
swear to God--thi

"I arrived at t
their names) who
Vechel (Hell's Hi
have surprised th

Vechel and I join
Johnson. The CP w
dug our foxholes
us do so.

"I was wounded
abdomen. I talked
(damned foolish t
come back to the
redressed. Next d
attended. The med
the aid station,
artillery commenc
few hits. I saw s
I dove between a
shelling was over
took a long hard
shelter among the

IN

NAME & (Rank) Pfc Elroy Huwe

CURRENT ADDRESS 3153 Uranu

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? Jump
in Holland.

(A) What was the mission of
Establish radio
and with Hitchcock

(B) Did anything unusual hap
attached wheel.

(C) Do you recall names of o
glider? Lt. first
radio operator

(D) Who was in charge of tha

(E) Who was your company/bat
Plato

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic? Yes

(G) What recollections do yo
this mission? Lt attached

(use additional space if ne

(H) Much action took place b
island between the two bran
memorable experiences durin
Lt attached

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri
Yes Yes. Yes

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) _____
to England to

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation? _____
due) _____

(L) In what way(s) were you
Visit yes

(M) What is your most vivid
Yes (B) (C

(N) Have you ever gone back
No. If yes, were you e
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what yo
Yes, I was with
Ed. Pilkington (C
Mercs 3a / 82d

(P) Have you exchanged visit
Yes If Yes, name some of
Sergt. Ed. Ellis.
Sergt. Mary Jane
Peter E. Grant
Elliston, Va.

1)

B) Let look at the
letter we
planned, the
box from
is the cla
a very goo
moment a
two figure
standing o
is the wa
circling th
part of th
Ai — the
or arrow,
the man
y Rgt. h
corpse of
held a goo
best of my

D) As we ex
ears the l
saw all th
were amaz
skeletal. A
is this pi
that was
pio en. Ho
didn't the
their any

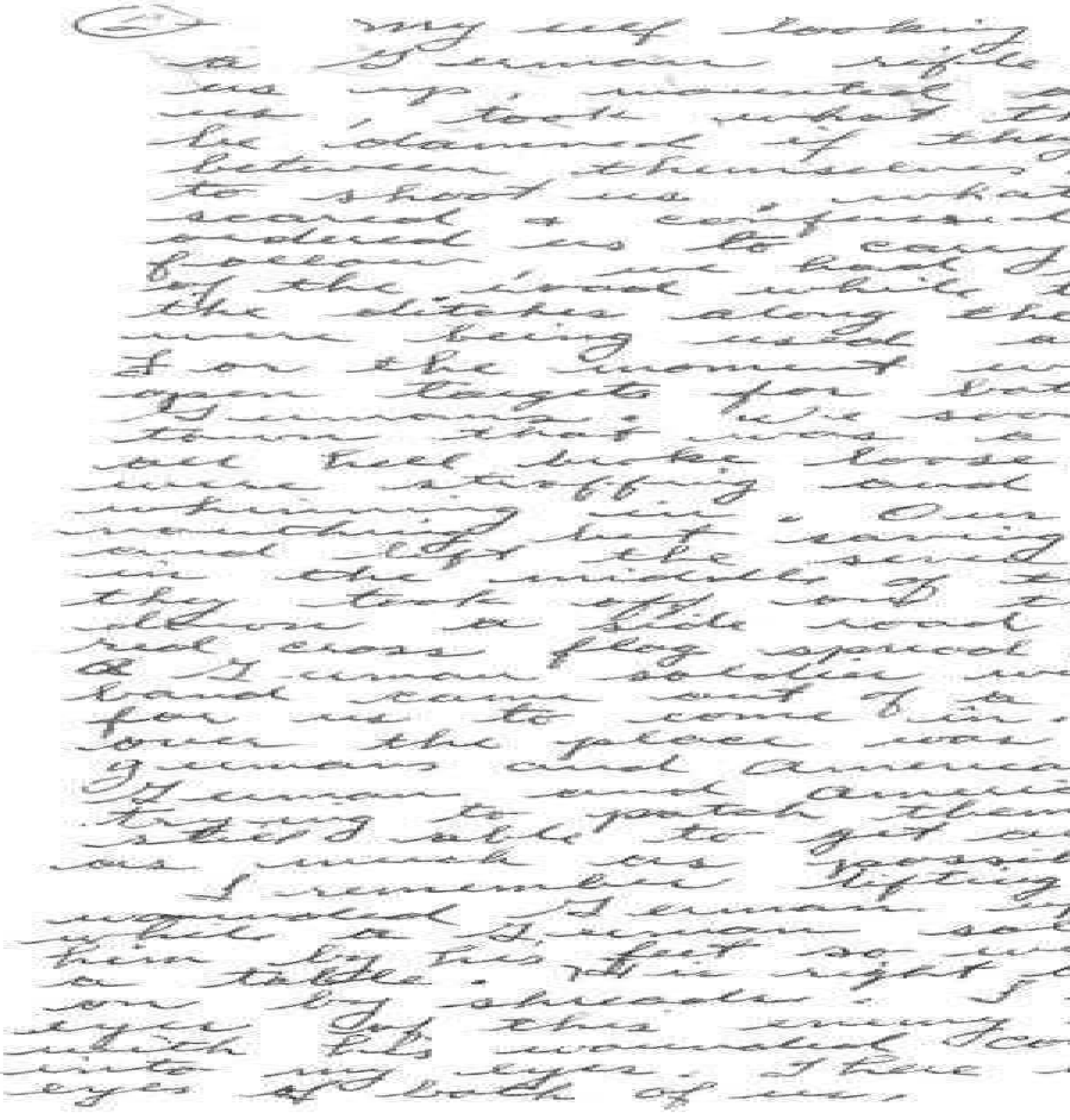
3)

4)

Having jumped i
of the enemy for
question, Did you
these recollectio
answer is no. I d
action. I do reme
17th. I landed in
swarmed by the si
come home. I sent
gals sitting on m
much fun."

Dear Doug —

I have you my
some of the many
when I got the
I have open the
that haven't been
couldn't find the
few things I had.
the name in
just being back
real but when I
now. I had a
of my heroes. I
Being silent
to get out of
first myself I
a hundred years
loud screams. no
couldn't find
from my stuck. we
I'll never
body impact
figured that
going. then, I
wrong place.
Out 81, I
highway N-13 that
and St. Marie Eglise.
we must cut
but, before we
look at this
a bit exciting



1LT JAMES

Having been a C
only to be libera
left their prison
Recalling his e
the coast a C-47
supply packs. The
"Having landed
great excitement
the older people
bed my arm and we
nervous wondering
way. No enemy con
"In Veghel I fe
jump onto the sof
D-Day jump, a Dut
Dr. Kukeneus. He
was in the Hague.
have some letters
Kukaneus had so
real bad one nigh
across the Wilhel
have bombed it to
with supplies. Dr
to St. Oedenrode,
and whether the r
him a small 9mm P
"In St. Oedenro
part of the 'Red
my mind was, if t
hell are the Brit
"In moving up t
and a few rounds
ized. I came into
fun passing them
"After moving u
I recall were som
patrol across the

only harrowing th
until he got hime
"My main comfor
about the war. mo
on their faces. I
As for praise f
successful was be
"Ive never know
people" was his r
and wanted to kno

IN

NAME + RANK 1LT James Haslam

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/~~BATTA~~

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? Jumped wi

(A) What was the mission of
Airports set up for
establish enemy

(B) Did anything unusual happ
the Conta C-47 ahead you might k

(C) Do you recall names of o
glider? Yes

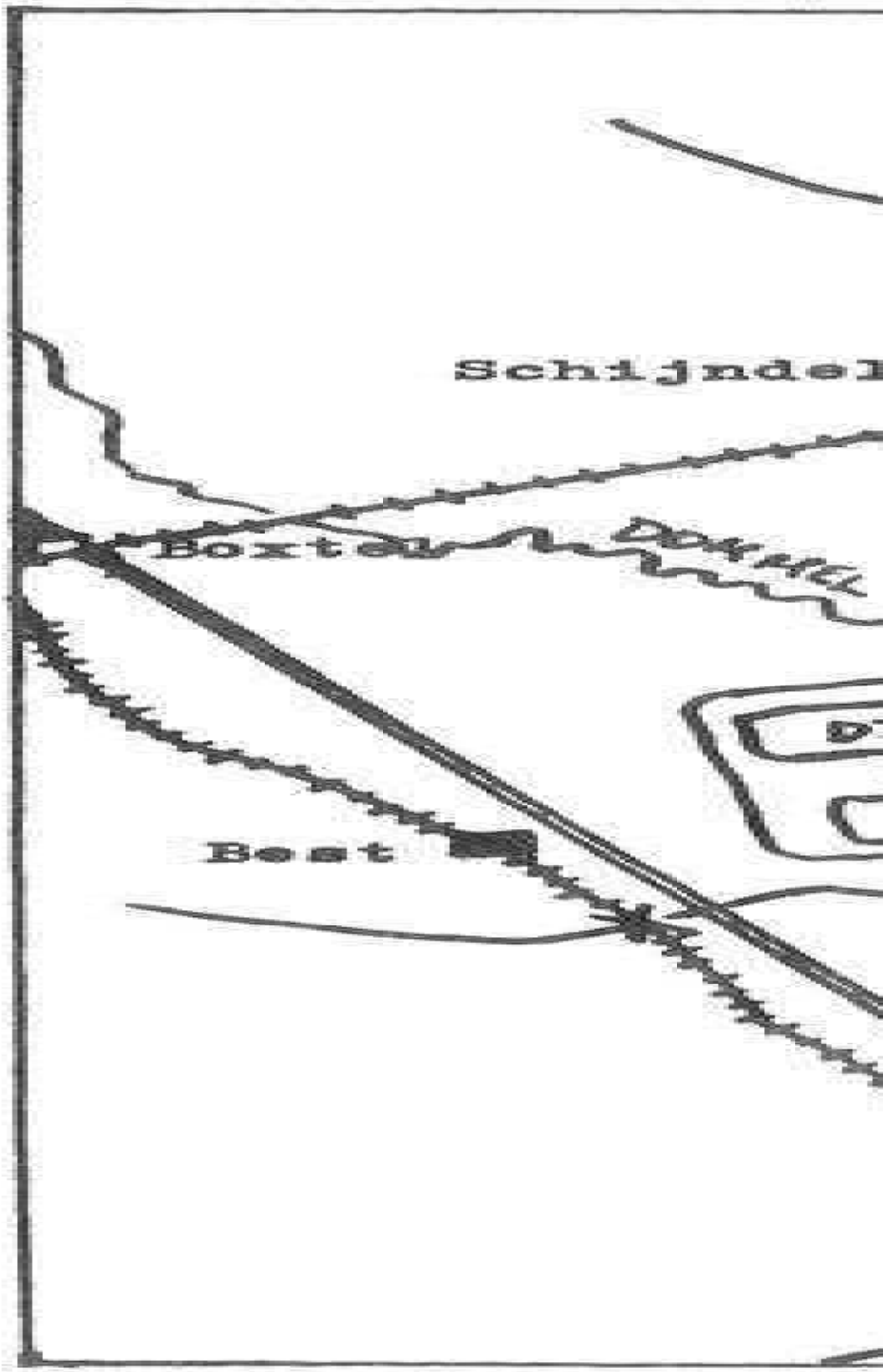
(D) Who was in charge of the

(E) Who was your company/bat
explained Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant?
? Medic?

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? Jumping
the great excitement f
with, the utter peac
men yelled my
not what I had expect
ons. Normandy D
(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place b
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during
I tried to learn. In
St Quentin with
or I gave him a small
you later asked about
Et' question. Frankly I
part of Normandy but
be missing up to 2 y
and a fast count of
Since Normandy D Day
into Holland & Belgium



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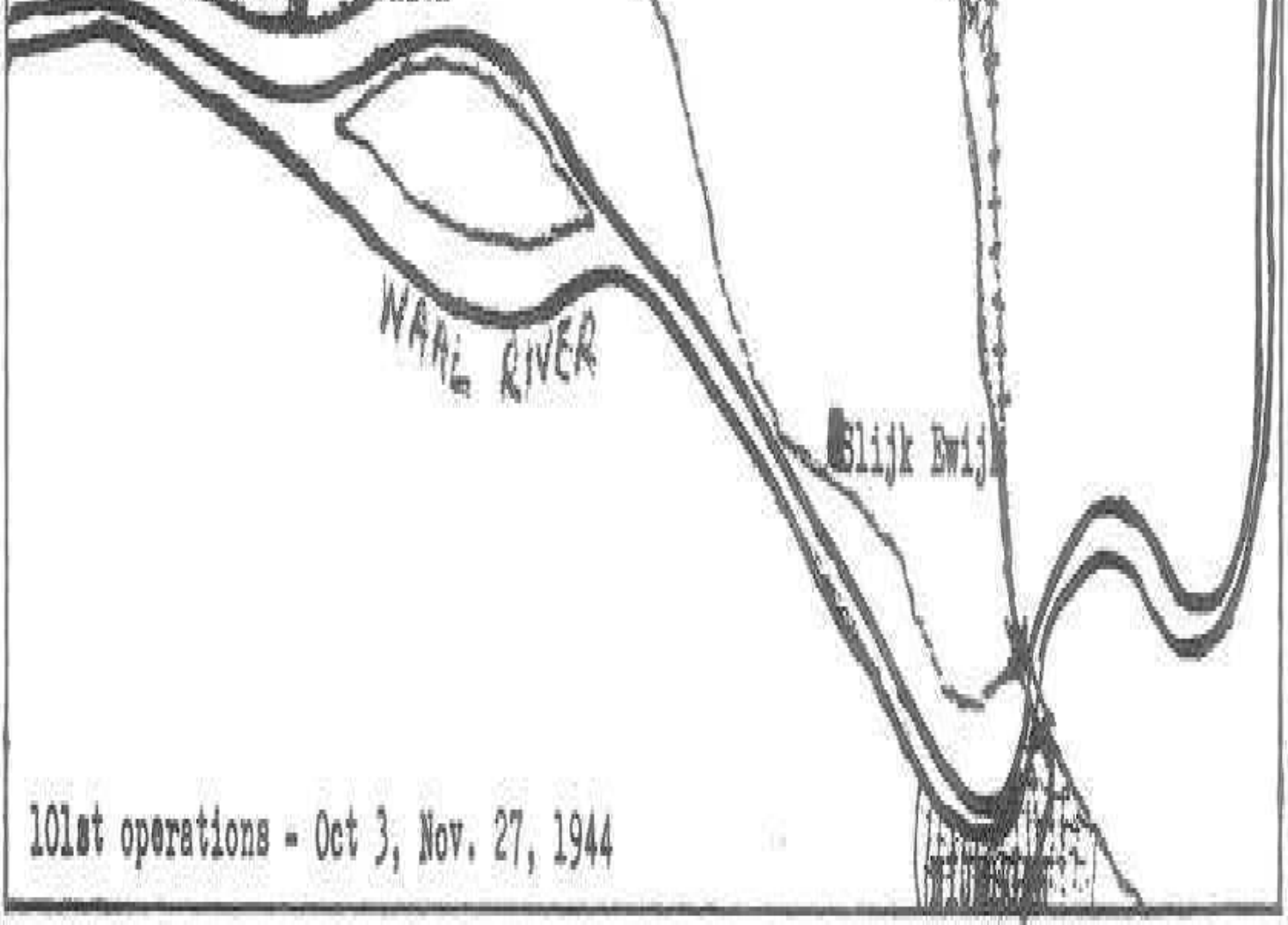
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Blijk Dwij
101st operations - Oct 3, Nov. 27, 1944

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri
the only different exp
by the rubber as Lieu
if he could find a
to from Col. Johnson

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) I
easier. Having no pla
comfort concern wa
war had been mor
this on their fac

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation? (
due) There was Sum C
mainly successful
the guys was sweet
the hotel and Sin

(L) In what way(s) were you
the assistance of Du
with I received from
under a ton of sno

(M) What is your most vivid
to the Dutch people
as one was old lad
I thought I had seen gh
after the war.

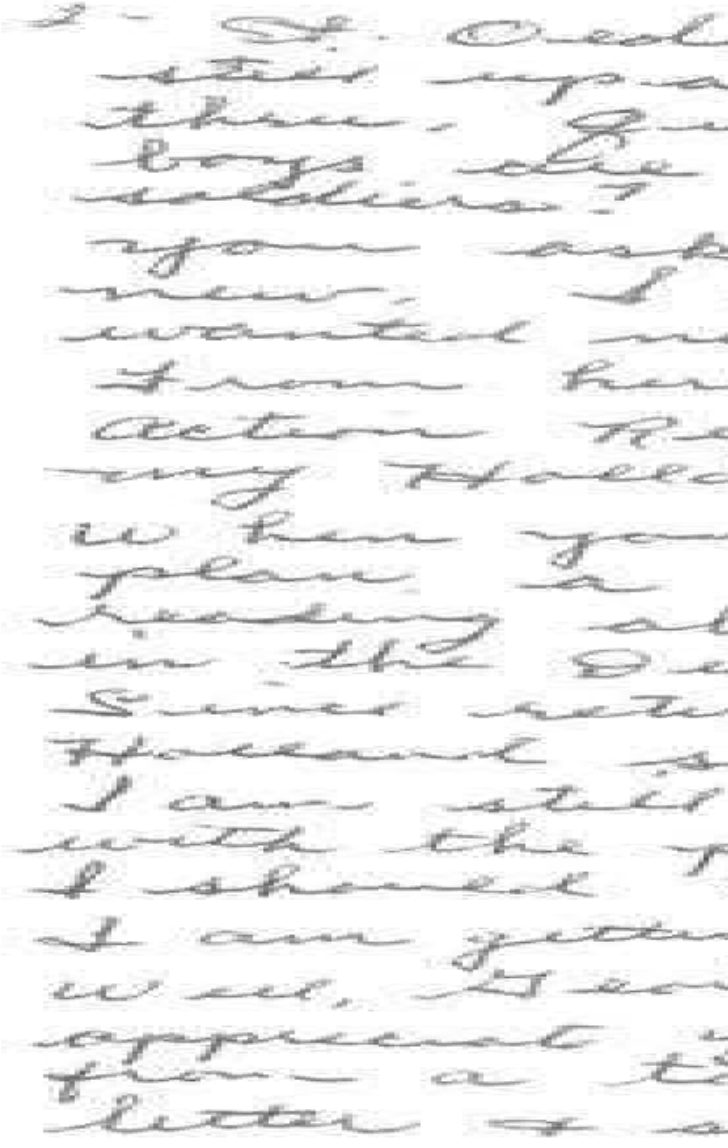
(N) Have you ever gone back
Yes. If yes, were you e
were your friends during
is to return. Ab
stay around there?

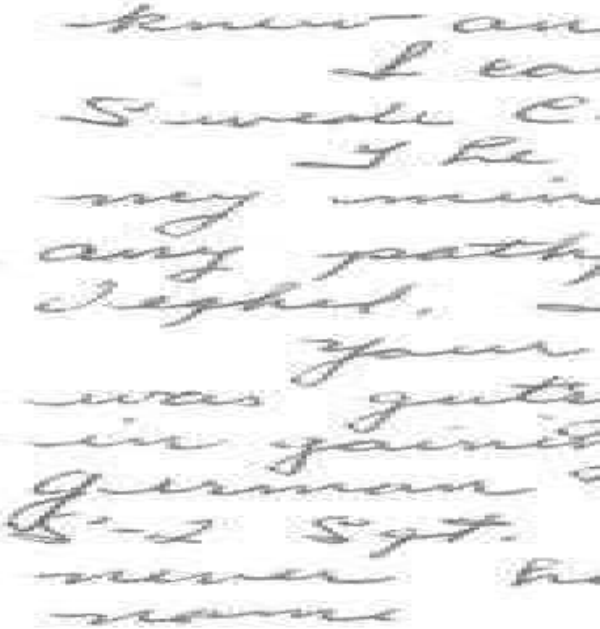
(O) Describe briefly what yo
returned to Salt Lake C
yrs. Transfer to Denver
a Denver Region mgr. a

(P) Have you exchanged visit
No. If Yes, name some of

Dear George —

Before I try to [illegible]
mission please some
might be interesting.
Landed at B[illegible]
the Irish Sea coast for
Liverpool, caught a train
where I joined the 50
to maximums on T.O. s
It was then I first met
Johnson should have be
named Taylor plann
But didn't know him
read a map. I went a
with him and directed
his arms took him
exchanged salutes. The
my hand and said his
while they was strange
I soon knew I wanted
ask me if I would
take it fast. Dillon
after Johnson was hi
now I'll try to answer
Soon after our jump
a star contact to the
introduced me to Dutch
resistance. I spent the
said he was with the
was the rogue. He
I may see him some
resistance had some big
Eindhoven was bombed
want to know if the
was out of, thinking
was concerned about
resistance and I pedal





Wysocki parachu
responsibility wa
Veghel.

"As we were ap
as we came in for
thing I could do
brakes. Fortunate
bring the glider
a nd the seat belt
myself cuz all we
In the other glid
flipped over on t
but canvas over a
out of that glide
have that jeep!"
pushed in because
the field with mi
there or somethin
We went with a co
to my right to se
that day whatsoev
dawn Thompson and
to Veghel. We had
Brown and two oth
It was the wrong
made our turn the
opened up on us s
side of the road

on ahead to get ou
the little town of
The road led to a
circle around and
way we were going
Germans. (WHAT ABO
lost the first jee
because we couldn
guns we'd warn the
country road which
Lo and behold, her
them as we went by
end of the convoy
spray us with it.
jeep. It went off
head on. Got thro
halted their conv
I proceeded to cr
when I heard "Ach
see the rifling i
lined us up in fr
an elderly couple
our wounds and in
loaded us on the

Pv

Clyde Bruders r
occurred on a beau
fire. His unit jo
support. "My immed

"One plane in c
hit in the bundle
Wanagitis, John He
sergeant and Richa

"Landed without
of our men capture
apparently were ai
spent most of this
point in Veghel."

"In the attack
road following Op
road about 20 yard
of smoke came out
on the other side
last six yards. We
machine gun post a
about a quarter m
tied in. The open
That evening a 20m
position. We had
commander refused
away their positio
the area."

On the island:

regimental comman
the evening befor
was in position a
lighting fires an
contact them and
they were drawing
saying his 'ole m
Colonel Johnson t
lights out and if
refused. The colo
went out. The nex

"During the lo
elaborate fox hol
swapping the Engl

"Before moving
Francis Sheridan
schoolhouse. We h
to guard them. It
formed stellar du
over to the Briti

Assistance fro
was in retrieving
respect. I person

Most vivid mem
September at Eerd
machine gun on th
house about twent
day. They consist

minutes. During a
asked would we li
to the tank to ge
tank first and he
moment the German
tree near our pos
convincing me tha
position and the
bottom of my hole
third shell hit I
convinced that he
the front of the
ever, the other t
'I'm hit! I'm hit
he had spilled ho
incident seemed a
I have never fott

"I remember th
absolutely helple
oners in Veghel,
behind the buildi
Germans were shel
under constant fi
to this position
process of moving
three feet from m
detonation lifted
and I did not rec
me on this occasi

I

NAME & Rank: Clyde O.Brude

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BAT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (AP
NORMANDY INVASION? yes
NORMANDY MISSION? The ju
And we received no fire
was a mass of confusion.

(A) What was the mission of
To secure Bridges at Veg
established CP guard for

(B) Did anything unusual ha
immediate flight was shot

(C) Do you recall names of
glider? Vince Wanagit

(D) Who was in charge of th

(E) Who was your company/ba
Plat

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Gilmore Medic? Don

(G) What recollections do y
this mission? Landed wit
Agroup of our men captur
apparenyly they were afr
I spent most of this day
point in Veghel

(use additional space if n

(H) Much action took place
island between the two bra
memorable experiences duri
of September. I was cross
German tank turned into ti
gun dip and a wreath of s
myself in the dith on the othe
that last six yards we sur
Machine gun post at a cross
a quarter mile of open gro
the open ground was secured
flack wagon moved into this
English tank backing up our
Flack gun,brcause they did n
finally drove the gun out

(I) What was your most harr
branches of the Rhine R
the regimental comman
the evening before co
group was in position
ing fires and turned
tell them to turn off
German Fire. The Engli
refused saying it would

(J) Describe some of the wa
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?)
some rather elaborate
good at swapping the

(K) Do the actions of any i
the Holland operation?
due) Before moving
Lt. Francis Sheridan w
schoolhouse. He had a
guard them. It seemed to
stellar duty in charge

(L) In what way(s) were you
Our only contact with
were greatly helpful
known members of the

(M) What is your most vivid
~~Any~~ 21st of September
cooled Maching gun on
blown house about 20 y
day. They consistentl
During a lull in the f

(N) Have you ever gone back
No. If yes, were you
were your friends durin

(O) Describe briefly what y
re-enlisted, at the ti
Airborne do to my Le
to ~~M/Dgt~~ in a bit o
Disbility in 1963, this

(P) Have you exchanged visi
Yes
If Yes, name some o

I.Cont'd

I informed Col.
told me to go back and tell
were not put out I was to sh
out I fired one shot and the

M. Cont'd

Like a cup of tea. John
tea. Another Trooper ur
to be filled while John
rounds. The first rou
from the tree struck my
fell directly between
I don't know I was at t
I wasn't hit. After t
looking for John convi
out from under the fro
obviously Oh, however t
hip yelling I'm Hit, I'
we found he had spilled
This incident seemed so
and I have ever forgott

George, I was a
usually by Sg. Lenz or
in fire fights are pret
I try to recall who was
I was usually pretty so
things that stand out i
for my buddies.

I remember that
felt absolutely helples
the prisoners at Veghel
behind the building and
Germans were shelling t
under constant fire.
to this position and he
process of moving the s
three foot from my exte
detonation lifted me o
and I did not receive a
me on this occassion.

George I certainl
the press. I have your
my best regards to you

Preferring jum
Eber Thomas had
sion. His men we
in setting up re
vehicles until t
"Our plane enc
jump (signal) li
exiting."
Others on boar
Cedarberg and Eu
Recalling the
up the stick and
As soon as we cr
approached. The
had Red Cross bu
were at the brid
Returned to DZ w
recovery. Worked
at us by 'A' Com
all types of hor
In later actio
in Vechel. Had a
day as Germans w
Service Company
gasoline, etc. t
Most harrowing
front line missi
line units. All
Roads difficult
other day. Jeeps
Adding to crea
ted in transport
a trip to a US A
coffee, etc. for
to the British a
As for heroism
drivers to trave

meals, etc. unde
on low ground an
Assistance fro
soon as we lande
supply bundles f
Concerning Col
the day of his d
front lines. Whi
from an incoming
one that did not
incoming round.
exploded near hi
he always wore a
long wide chin s
uating Col. John
me later Col. Jo
he was trensport
the hospital."
"I still have
our stick. The m

get a photo
copy of map
so we can
show the
DZ.

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NAME & (Rank) Capt Eber H. Th

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/~~BATT~~

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP

NORMANDY INVASION? Yes

NORMANDY MISSION? Brought

Jumped in Holland, Prov

(A) What was the mission of

Rear Engineer (medic) fro

equipment in bikes and

(B) Did anything unusual hap

some flak, knocked out

(C) Do you recall names of o
glider? WCT Alfred

(D) Who was in charge of tha

(E) Who was your company/bat

Commander Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant?

Medic? None

(G) What recollections do yo

this mission? Landed O

Weight w/o incident, re

equipment. Bumped into

was loaded with ammo

mortar and rifle, bit

accurate with direct

(use additional space if ne

(H) Much action took place b
island between the two bran
memorable experiences durin

many other times

when I'd go on two

was attacking by F

artillery or mortar pr

heavy engagements. I

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri
during, sights + natio
assigned to [illegible] comp
or words every other d

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) [illegible]
troops to shower
[illegible] + Dysentery [illegible]
during diner. We were
drinking tea.

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation? [illegible]
due) I was always
[illegible] contact with
conditions in Holland

(L) In what way(s) were you
Dutch medical pe
quality wanted us

(M) What is your most vivid

(N) Have you ever gone back
Yes. If yes, were you a
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what yo
Served in the [illegible]
Utrecht, S E

(P) Have you exchanged visit
✓ If Yes, name some of
Arien, Jan Kenes
Nieuwenhuis. We attend

I joined the 501st
assigned to Service
I held this position
After Normandy I was
position until June
Division Headquarter
division was deactiv
November 1945. I th
Airborne Division.

George Griswold was
and was transferred
first Parachute Main
container which was
rifle. The rifle. t
the container and wa
snap.

I did not see Col.
was touring the reg
was hit by shrapnel
as he was the only
did not hear the in
a mine or a shell ex
his hearing. Also,
The cap with its lo
some delay in evacu
Capt. Axelrod told
When he was evacuate
in Nijmegen. He di

Lt. Steve Puiszis,
and was with him al
Col. Johnson was hi
Evac Hospital. I s
on this.

I still have the 1:
stick. The map is

Cpl

A veteran of
"was like a para
The flight recei
of jumpers inclu
Sheridan was in
company commande

Recalling the
mill at the edge
to get up front
else got the tan
front with four
the road. Colone
car!"

In later acti
names of towns.
silver spoon. A
to put tree limb
given them a $80
Another time a B
gunner had to tu
lay real close a
a window and ble
took care of the

Flanagan cons
be the "shelling

For increasin
motorcycles to g

Help from the
positions of the
wondered what to
five gallon cans
same."

The most vivi

IN

NAME & Rank: (CPL) Eugene Fle

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? Jump

(A) What was the mission of Take & H

(B) Did anything unusual hap
Second Fl

(C) Do you recall names of o
glider? Brad

(D) Who was in charge of tha

(E) Who was your company/bat
Sheridan Plato

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic?

(G) What recollections do yo
this mission? Wind
A terrible
the front wa
Eisenhoff Tank. C
for front wi
A CR Corres
(use additional space if ne

(H) Much action took place b
island between the two bran
memorable experiences durin
Street fight
I went back
I silver sta
a cross ste
Second Lt.
given then a
my own. A
bullet pulled m
had to turn
told us to lay
for a close sh
hundreds of bullet
over

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri
last across.

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) Had mute
company a

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation?
due) I Can't

(L) In what way(s) were you
Late & very
Caution after
& still would

(M) What is your most vivid
the first

(N) Have you ever gone back
Yes. If yes, were you a
were your friends during
2nd time there
had met abou

(O) Describe briefly what yo
almost touch
to school. It
A fish visit

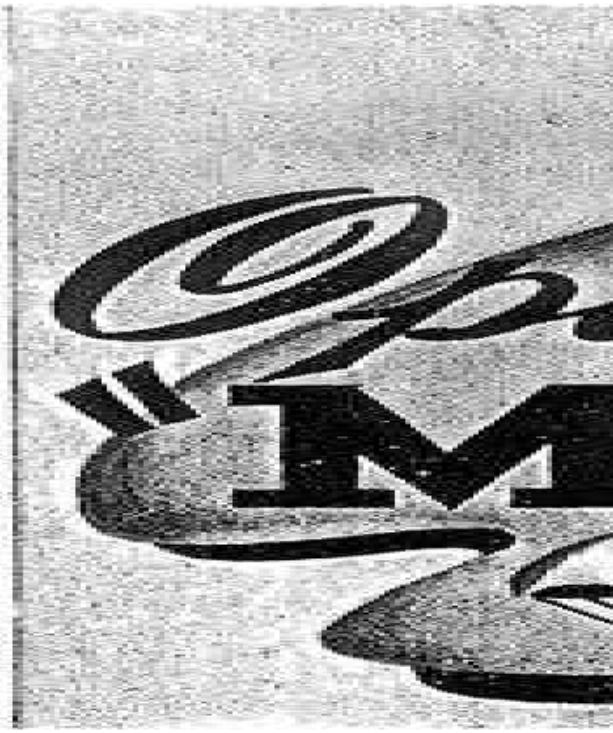
(P) Have you exchanged visit
X If Yes, name some of
Activities Eve
guys at Ritzv
We did last
Afternoon we were free

P.S

PFC

As a member of
and his comrades
for the battalio
LT Sam Gibbons,
and James McDiff
"Sunday aftern
to us as we came
deserted. Street
vehicle. Command
town out for goo
"I never could
themselvesto car
of a battle, the
brew a cup of te
was to cut their
their big guns.
handed me the la
put cotton in on
fire. You guesse
right out of the
watched a lot of
show down and th
his plane and he
the plane hit, h
the heeps off bo
told he made it
chute opened O.K
he hurtled earth
high after it hi
On the island,
did not know the
would have been
"We had an old
put caps in pock
fire and Dutch d
there. He tried
put a gun to the

got back to the
move up the cor
said, 'where's t
turned shakey ar
Up to that point
and drama that w
us moving we wou



It was the cold
tember 17, 1944,
roar of C-47s, t
Division took off
as part of the Fi
Army — the Airl
Holland. At
hours the Eag
some 6800 of th
from flak-scarred
onto the flat Dut

Veterans of
fusion were su
Holland jump. U
mation, close to
drop zones, and
organized into s
trolled outfits.
Dutch undergrou
stopped hating
Nazis during Ho
came foward to a
Kraut soldiers

There too, P
formed the her
with his death
Division's only
Medal. As «H
the troopers ca
from 88's on th
canal. Mann,
he crept fowar
out one of thes
ooka. Evacuate
he insisted on
toon. Through
took his turn
dawn the Krau
back, firing hi
his good arm
masher fell in
threw himself
his buddies.

While the «I
troubles with
506th was bl
Eindhoven, fi
freed from the
the 506th clea
tablished conta
in that area.
the drop, the
port, «All ini
plished».

Now began
to hold open t
to Eindhoven,
the British Sec
fantrymen rode
shuttled up an
ridor to meet
At times Jer
ting «Hell's
fenders dubbed
men counter-at
the road.

Fifteen days
the Division be
area between th
Rivers with Ni
Arnhem on th
«Island» the
perately to rec

Mike must have looked silly with an American army uniform and wearing Dutch klompens. I see Dick Gilmore, Charles Carlsen and Al Pavrow every time we have a Michigan Chapter meeting. Eugene Flanagan, Clyde Bruders have stories for this book along with Colonel Eber Thomas and Tony Wysocki (who has great glider crash story) in which everyone aboard survived collision of two gliders over the landing zone at Sou

Robert D. Nuttall
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Salt Lake City, UT 841

Dear fellow Screaming E

Can you help me? I am
101st Airborne Division
account of the men who

Perhaps you have an ite
you wrote while memorie
mind as you glance over
asking you to send thes
and with the cobwebs ja
assistance. You may re
credit for his work, or
the history of your com
November 27, 1944--the
I want to include the e
sized units which parti
rounded picture of the

During my three years c
Company and parachuted
Maxwell D. Taylor. I al
le-Hesse in the Battle

I visited the Normandy,
was researching D-DAY W
participate in a mock i
BATTLE) as part of the
100 former Screaming Ea
sary trip to England, I

D-DAY WITH THE SCREAMI
1944 was like for the I
ing 54 company/battery-
was fitted together lik
S.L.A. Marshall reporte
the most factual and de
written. The late Franl
chapter. Gen. A.C. McAu
The late Colonel Micha
chapter. Our D-Day divi
Higgins wrote the forew

Several former officers
account of the Holland
of my airborne buddies
retired, I can devote t
the project can't be a
plan to assist -- it u

A Dutch woman from V
a greatstory. She me
as Ray Burke and Joe
from Service Company
friend Carl Riemensc

IND

NAME + RANK PFC ROBERT D. NUTT

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATTE

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? _____

(A) What was the mission of y
Service Co. Supply U
Regiment 506 I

(B) Did anything unusual happ
Was a lovely day

(C) Do you recall names of ot
glider? Capt Bi
Peyton Drake Sg

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? _
Medic? _____

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? Sunday Ea
Parke parachute re
visits Bern, Ks
blessed, Saints
of Yore sing a s
last sixth M
(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during
need to the C
carry all to
chair, trunk
the tube
tanks get
eyes of Ger
to get Eng
out of Eng
I passed

(I) What was your most harr
branches of the Rhine R
When I 1st Gro
only good fo
test to bre
hit them

(J) Describe some of the wa
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?)
for protecten
most of the
be wrote. T

(K) Do the actions of any i
the Holland operation?
due) We had an
of Eisenhower - B
boats. We came

(L) In what way(s) were you
helped pick
them up

(M) What is your most vivid
under me
knee and
started to fre

(N) Have you ever gone back
No. If yes, were you
were your friends durin

(O) Describe briefly what y
to School. Mar
us Utah State

(P) Have you exchanged visi
If Yes, name some o
Merril Brow
5701 - 30th A

D wanted to
kell out of
times to stab
Brock
to the Pentag
we moving -
receptly point.
walking us
ready skell fi
and then ou
cape." Then he
turned shakey
ne of his
to that point
them, due to
that was Gri
& Brock head
ne wrecked
Dutch Terra

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bail out of a bomber & his chute
opened O.K. but then it started
to burn. He gathered about 2

Thanks for remembering me with your
letter & best wishes for a very
successful rest of your life.

Mike Noo
came to
age. Mike
while sitting
a burning
our casket
get the sho
Mike sixteen
bare chested
back in the
couldn't see
shirtless
relentless

Capt David

"The day of th
(Heeswijk) Castl
have much of an
give it in seque
"We had a doze
There were no bu
nard?) came by a
you a squad.' I
don't leave the
departed. We we
etc. and had our
inside the wall.
transportation.
something to pul
a while my man r
with two German
the ambulance up
the German casua
ambulance and we
up the tree-line
were wearing gra
developments. Al
shooting at them
the compound. My
there were no in
exploded, Captai
been but he came
going on. I told
was going to cli
him, pointing ou
side of the cast
utes after the m
prisoner. To giv
the platoon C.O.
"I don't remem
drop zone injuri
there and gotten

there with the c
fracture of the
bosch the next c
from there by t

dj George:

I can provide some
the drop. I came down
ankle, sliding out of
intervals. In this st
more people with inju
wounds, that I recall
" We've got to get go
" If thats the best j
would just get us kil
up casualties and putt
outbuilding of the ca
with a rifle, to get
that if we could get
to Vechel. After a whi
captured, along with
He backed the ambulan
unloaded the German c
into the ambulance. s
I looked up the tree-
They were wearing a s
developments. Althous
shooting at them. the
compound. My crew and
were no injuries fro
Capt. Burd appeared.
me inside the compou
the Germans out front
wall to escape. I tri
probably had point s
At any rate, about te
stormed in and took u
officer chewed out th

I dont remember s
zone injuries. My ai
and gotten to Vechel
with the casualties u
of the right ankle an
the next day. Along w
by train. a few days

I would appreciate
Carrel. I tried to lo
success.

Thats about all th
is not good enough to
because he and Lt. Fu

At the time he
wasn't a qualifie
a medic with adve
After the Normand
paratroops and he

Gehrs arrived
ing area on two
first time was o

Not qualified
his glider exper
soldier and the
glider. Our cros
I did see on the
dead in a partly
Aid Station. As
rod was the execu
(He was 1st serg
was broken. The
he was made 1st

"I stayed at th
as a medic with
exactly what) tha
recall one town,
I am not sure but
pulling out of to
memory were linec

Another incider
same sojourn. I,

shell crater dur
nearby and we to
immediate area,
paseed us."

"I was back in
recall Colonel J
that the major c
PS--Bob Dickanso
other. Thank you

NAME & Rank: (PFC) JACK J. AT TIME OF LANDING

CURRENT ADDRESS / CURRE

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BAT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (AP
NORMANDY INVASION? No
NORMANDY MISSION? _____

(A) What was the mission of

(B) Did anything unusual ha

(C) Do you recall names of
glider? No

(D) Who was in charge of th

(E) Who was your company/ba
Plat

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic? _____

(G) What recollections do y
this mission? SEE
My Recollections

(use additional space if n

(H) Much action took place
island between the two bra
memorable experiences duri

(I) What was your most harr
branches of the Rhine R

(J) Describe some of the wa
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?)

(K) Do the actions of any i
the Holland operation?
due)

(L) In what way(s) were you
one year's Dutch
Aid Station
The Empress

(M) What is your most vivid
See

(N) Have you ever gone back
No. If yes, were you
were your friends durin

(O) Describe briefly what y
What Interpreter
Employed Retail
Present Manager

(P) Have you exchanged visi
No If Yes, name some o

Dear Georg
you
in Leide.
Later put
my mile
place, Pli
Wynter
campaign
to Holland
be a mate
parachute
the day
the Britis
sent back
" jump sch
the 5 July
& ma
replacement
radio an
technician
O me a
the 51st
that turn
the homes
parapegm,
to the 50
read the
the Britis

three days
was with
outfit.
I met
soldier and
jeep trailer
were unre
did see m
infantry
a party
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who the Ty
1st Sergeant.
battalion m
met 1st Se
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attacking
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town all

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are very
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road. By
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release you
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to saying it
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his explanat
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did.
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of my a

and perhaps
anything
a line.
or what
sent for

PATROL STARTED ACROSS NEXT RUN OF THE WET GLOOM OF A DUTCH EVENING

THE IN

SIX AMERICANS TAK
SPEND 24 HOURS, F

Last month the 101st U.S. Airb
brilliant battle to hold the tow
the Germans. Before that
Holland where it had been s

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REP

L

This is the story of a single patrol
cently by the 101st Airborne Divis
time, the 101st was stationed with th
the Neder Rijn (Lower Rhine), which
line of the Allied wedge into southe
land. Five enlisted men and one officer
for the patrol, which they knew wo
oughly dangerous. As it turned out,
as dangerous as they expected even t
two shots were fired during 24 hou
territory. The day after the six came
them at a camp in the rear where the
for a rest and a bath. They wanted
story and I wanted to write it, so thi
worked. One of them would talk for
when one of the others had somethin
would break in. This way we would
pass the story around among the me
complete picture of what happened.

M/Sgt. Peter R. Frank, a German-s
terpreter who is from New York Cit
story. It appeared that a number of
other regiments of the 101st had cross
Rijn to get information about enemy
None of them had been able to take a
for questioning, so Sergeant Frank
wanted to try. By careful planning, th
they would be able to do the job rigl

At first Lieut. Hugo S. Sims Jr., the
on the patrol, had felt he wouldn't b
permission to go along. However, Si
of ideas about how the patrol should
was able to talk his commanding office
him go. Sims and the other men wor
days rehearsing their parts in the p
discussed what to take along and w
behind, what weapons they should u
or not they should blacken their
talked over things like fixing their h
like German caps so their silhouettes
German in the dark, and what ki
equipment they should carry. They s
and huge aerial photographs of the
expected to go. They worked hard
men did a lot of talking. Everyone
opinions about how to stay alive.

The patrol also meant a lot of wo
men. There were listeners who would
radio for the patrol's reports, artille
would drop shells in case they were
who would shoot off flares from tim
the patrol could look around in the
were men who would have rubber a
ready to paddle across the Rijn and w
thing went all right, would bring the
across the river.

bur has the reputation of being pr
with that gun and is famous for ne
at a man unless he can aim dead c
head. He doesn't miss.

"After a dress rehearsal in from
ters, where Lieutenant Sims chec
equipment, we decided we were se
only a matter of waiting for dar
around for a while and then went i
chow. The cooks seemed to know
and the boys in the mess line gave
on the back. Lots of our buddies
wished us well and said they wo
couldn't go along. They really wer
tried to act as if it meant nothing a
washed our mess kits one of the c
and gave each of us three K-ration
and said when we came back he'd h
meal waiting. It was getting dark n
sat around the S-2 office getting fid

Here Pvt. Roland J. Wilbur, the
pert, took over. He comes from La
where he used to work for Nash-Ke
he almost looked like a soldier i
magazine ads, sitting there with a
his face, cleaning the M-1 as he spo

"The S-2 office wasn't too far fro
the Neder Rijn. We took off abou
checked all our stuff and piled into
few minutes we were up near the
planned to cross. We stopped and
jeeps and began to wonder if the c
on were enough to keep us warm.
and cold and it had begun to rain
before we had really gotten starte
hundred yards away we ran into t
had the boats ready to take us acr

"We were awfully careful abou
dike because a lot depended on
minutes. We knew that a couple o
had been knocked off before they
the water. Our main hope was t
weren't on the alert because we we
little earlier than the other patrols
go down toward the bank when a
Lieutenant Sims halted us in our trac
he had heard a sound from the oth
couple of minutes of shaky waiting
take a chance. Edging down the ba
the two rubber assault boats. Lieut
two of the boys carefully slid into
of us crouched low at the bank an
our guns ready in case Jerry shou
they crossed. It seemed to take the
across and we could hear every dip
in the water. We were certain they
and the whole deal would be off, bu
They made the opposite side and c
wait for us.

"Finally we landed. Arrangeme
with the men with the boats so w
them by flashlight when we can
wondered if we had any idea wh

was a little to one side of the gro
and suddenly I heard someone blowi
his nose. I moved over to the left a
saw a group of Jerries stopped for
minute on the road. I asked Lieutena
Sims if I might capture them and ta
them along but he said not now. I w
sure feeling cocky.

"A little later I heard Becker ma
a noise and as I glanced at him he b
gan to pull himself out of a slit tren
he had slipped into. I walked over
him and saw a big, fat Jerry snori
away in the hole. For a moment w
thought he might waken and look
down ready to pounce on him if
made a noise. When he remained asle
we went on and joined the rest
ahead. Now we were in a wooded ar
and we had to be careful of eve
step. At a clearing in the woods w
came to a small road and not ten yar
away we saw a couple of Jerries wa
the road with something on their
Nicolai sneaked along the road and l
closely. He came back and reporte
were carrying a mattress. A little fa
the road we saw them walk into a
their mattress. We waited but they
out so we figured they must have t
the night.

"Farther on we crossed the road a
right into an ammunition dump. Serg
the interpreter, went over to check
on the boxes. He found they were
heavy 150-mm. infantry gun which
Sims marked down in a little book h
ing. He also marked the position o
dump and the location of the matt
Just as we were starting to make a mo
inspection around the ammo dump w
unmistakable sound of a German Sch
belt being snapped back. In a second
another. We stood rooted to the spo
breathe. The things seemed to com
across the road. There wasn't much e
do but to go sneaking back through
the sleeping men."

Sergeant Frank now pointed out th
been too scared when the belts sna
He had a story all ready for the situa
time they came to a new emergency
review in his mind a story that migh
patrol out of it. This time he was re
hell with the Jerries for making so
with their machine-gun belts. Frank
"Now we cut straight across the fiel
two miles. Nicolai was getting hun
simply reached down and grabbed a
carrots from a vegetable patch and b
them. Soon we had enough of the fie
cided that we were deep enough in
territory to brazen it out on the road
came to a good paved road we w
down the middle of it. Just ahead w

it, feeling we could fool any Germans
along. Soon one of the boys was sin
Marlene and we all joined in.

"After about a mile of walki
the road without meeting a sin
man we came to a couple of
One of them had a Red Cross
on the front. It was a small c
the place hardly looked as if i
hospital. At any rate it loo
the better of the two houses.
geant Frank and myself edg
we could hear what sounded l
ing inside. We walked to t
door and found it open. In t
room of the house we found t
mans sleeping on piles of stra
wore big, shiny boots and I
they were officers. Sergeant Fr
they were cavalrymen. Leavin
on guard I went back outsid
ported to Lieutenant Sims.
we would take the men priso
stay at this house. I told F
plan and he began to shake
mans. One of them finally bega
his eyes. He stared at us an
kept telling him over and o
he was a prisoner. They just couldn't bel

After the dazed Germans had been the
awakened they were questioned by
Frank. He got all the information he co
them and relayed it to Lieutenant Sim
was now up in the attic setting up the ra
another man. In about ten minutes
heard him saying into the radio, "This
Sims, Sims. We have two prisoners.
two prisoners." They knew the radio w
ing and everyone felt swell. Soon Sims w
ing information about the things he h
along the way.

After questioning the prisoners Sergea
told them to go back to sleep but they
and stared. Frank asked them if they
any more soldiers in the area. They s
another man was supposed to pick the
about 5:30 in the morning.

After the radio had been set up everyt
quiet until daybreak. The men took turn
ing the road while the others tried to go
sleep. At about 7 a.m., Nicolai reporte
rival of a young civilian at the front d
civilian proved to be a boy of about 16
pants. He was both surprised and pleas
taken captive by the "Tommies." The r
some time to explain to him that they
Tommies but airborne GIs. When this
taken care of Sergeant Frank was allow
ahead with his questioning. The boy e
that the house belonged to some frien
and he had just come over for some p
He knew the people had been evacuated
they might not be back for some time.

called out to him, "Put up your h
didn't seem to understand and it wa
Then he answered calmly, "I mus
raised one hand and came toward t
couldn't be true. Now the civilian
cause the Germans were not too s
where their units were stationed.

Once the men watching from the w
at a passing car. It was driven by a
said that the only thing that restrai
lives depended on it. Because everyt
men were feeling pretty cocky. The
for the coming evening. They wam
of staff cars with German WACs an
the way they would stop briefly to

At 4 p.m. two more Germans ent
mediately taken prisoner. They were
had come along the road just to ge
this time a big fire had been built in
oners were kept. The prisoners ke
argued to see who would stand gua

As darkness approached the men
ment. Becker was left on guard in t
civilians while Lieutenant Sims and
a truck. The German mail orderly,
captured, was chosen to help them.
geant Frank told him he would he
"*Halt Kamerad.*" As they waited th
happy because the war is over for u
all depend on the next few hours an
with more certainty the next day.

Becker reported that when the li
house the remaining prisoners looke
came and asked Becker in pantomim
told them that such things aren't d
of the Germans in the house wor
service against the Russians.

While the men were waiting alon
pany passed on bicycles. As each G
"*Guten Abend*" to the men along t
the same. One man stopped and as
the right road to the next town. I
conversation, Frank told him he di

The patrol stops a truck

Getting impatient after an hour a
would stop the next truck that ca
it was. In the meantime a motorcycl
into the courtyard of the house. Ni
grabbed him. It developed that he
of the other men. When Nicolai bro
the mail orderly and rushed up to
friends and had served together for
men heard a truck coming down the
to step out and shout "*Halt Kamera*
men shouted at once and the truck
big five-tonner carrying 15 SS men.
herded the Germans off, taking th
They were all very surprised. At fir
sear, but after a number of strong
finally got off. He was a tall man
put his hands up he said, "Who sa

he was a prisoner of war he looked
was impossible. As he spoke he put
other drew a pistol, but only to hid
Frank took it away.

The driver was told to get back in
road. He seemed reluctant and Frank
car while he started the motor. He see
from stalling every few seconds and w
yard he had trouble turning. It was ob
time. He kept looking at Frank and s
mad. This can't happen to me.'' He t
to meet the captain of his battalion.
drive the truck and the men to the Ne
enough gas. He was told that if that
shot, so he said that there was enoug

Now Becker and the prisoners in t
into the truck with the SS men. The
around inside the truck so they could
and Sergeant Frank sat in the front wit
on the road the truck stalled again. A
motor an amphibious jeep pulled up
bawl him out for blocking the road. C
instant and had brought the officer ins
the captain the truck driver had been

Again the sergeant concentrated on
truck. He worked hard at stalling the m
before he would drive at all. Finally h
they set out on the return route they
patrol. Every now and then the drive
folding his arms and saying, ''*Hab' ic*
After a prod or two with the gun muz
driving. Farther along the road towar
off to the right. Shortly the truck cam
and bogged down hub-deep. No amou
was able to move it. It was now 10 p.m
might as well try to make it back on f

Now the men regretted having so
down from the truck the SS captain b
the darkness. In a flash he was in th
him to stop and ran after him. In a
shots and Nicolai's only two words
son of a bitch''! followed by a great
Becker also ran into the woods to see
the noise he found Nicolai and the cap
ing ''*Hände hoch*'' and with every shot
in the seat of the pants. When they ca
tain was cowed and willing to go qui

Lining the Germans up in two colum
them a little lecture. He said they c
taken back and that all six Americans
them back safely. He told them that
made an unnecessary noise he would
out again with the SS captain and
column made its way along the roa
walked the SS captain told Frank tha
the Rijn with the prisoners. He said
turn over their guns because they w
Germans along the river.

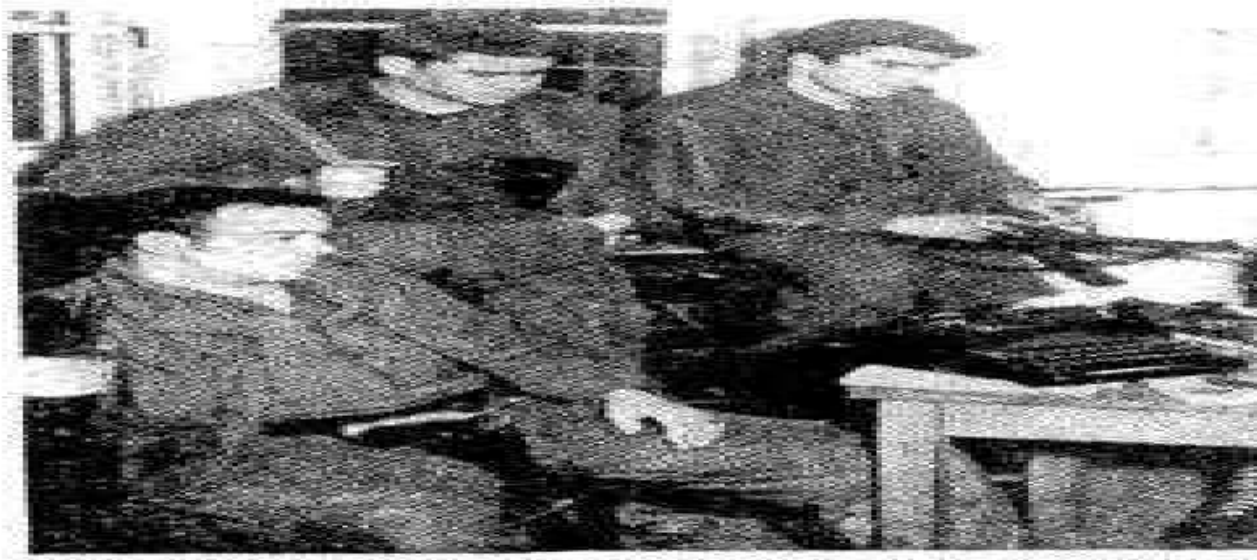
The captain also asked if he might
couldn't have one now, but that later
cigarets than there were in all of G
Germans had nothing against the Am
sonally why the Germans and America
the Russians and Japanese. We are both

Frank answered that the Russians
captain, but they are inferior. Fin
not possible for them to rest a wh
was told that he had the misfort
paratroopers, who just didn't walk
along they constantly heard Germ

Arriving at the railroad crossin
they didn't dare blow up the track
fuse they carried. Reluctantly they
demolition charges in bushes by
of the road they passed countles

When they came to the town
boldly down the center of the ma
German hobnailed shoes. It was o
they could be nothing but a group
through the town without incid
near-by dike. Everyone was feelir
riving at the dike, they had marche
they saw a squad of Germans at a
Sergeant Frank called out to them
ing to worry about. When they st
and told the Jerries to put up thei
cleaning out two more posts along
had a total of 32 prisoners.

On the dike Lieutenant Sims gav
to the other side. Soon the answer c
his truck driver and one of the patr
side. Part of the patrol stayed behi
rest of the prisoners were ferried
touched the Allied side of the Rijn



The patrol, back in rest camp, tells its story
left: Wilbur, Canfield, Nicolai, Frank and Bo

HEADQUA

SUBJECT: Translation of German

TO : Units Concerned

1. The following is a tra
belonging to a 1st Lt. Martin o
Military Unit: 1st Co., Merken

17 Sept 44: Enemy parachute la
mation of Gen. Mod
overhead. Lasted
with three squads.
on glider "IS THIS

18 Sept 44: Headquarters moved
thirty men. An im
low. Got one glid
Nimegen reported.
in flames.

19 Sept 44: Ordered to move to
twelve boxes of am
Ramsdonk at 1050.
clothing.

20 Sept 44: We leave for De Bi
destroyed. Rainin

21 Sept 44: Marching order at
Zoist, Doorn, Amer
reserves. Dug in.
west of Arnham. W

22 Sept 44: Cold and foggy. T
the Rhine. Combat
night. Heavy rain

23 Sept 44: Day begins with an
wounded. Being hi
arrives 1720. Hun
chutes. First rea
down. AA gun jams
killed and three w
tonight. Black fa
Slept in the "Jagd

24 Sept 44: Planes attack at 0
day by order of Ge

Translation of German Diary

Maj. Merkins inspe
antitank guns are
Capt. Schaaraehm i

25 Sept 44: Strafed by our own
guns. Was at rive
0500. No casualti

26 Sept 44: Conference at OP.
relieved.

27 Sept 44: Relieved from posi
wounded two. Good
machine gun fire o
establishes bridge

28 Sept 44: One man relieved f
Moved to new posit

29 Sept 44: We build reserve p
Lt. Col. Wagner.
Units remain on ri
artillery fire all

30 Sept 44: Receive mortar fir
the building (towe
relief available.
the number of days
badly wounded whil
crossing was postp
0230 Maj. Stuka re
behind house. 1st

1 Oct 44: Inspect positions
Crossings. Then u
Bombed and strafed
the west. Very fo
wounded. Many sic

2 Oct 44: Receive harrassing
at 1100. Our own
Jagdhuis between 1
on kitchen. No ca
to thirty hits eve

3 Oct 44: Jagdhuis burns. R
ready for crossing
smaller.

4 Oct 44: We finally crossed
0630. First casua
Many are left behi
only a few of us l
security. Am digg

Translation of German Diary

5 Oct 44: Everybody is exha
shells on our pos
to drink. The wa
to what is going

6 Oct 44: We have been crou
factory is covere
this side of the
to any of this.

7 Oct 44: Froze during the
on factories and
just sit in our f
the night. Two m
over.

8 Oct 44: Am digging my fox
strong artillery
up. Argument wit

9 Oct 44: Washed at medics.
under all conditi

Some afterthou
tower in Vechel.
there.

"One I remembe
line. Three othe
One of our guys
pants burned up.
johns were filth
and several of h
lines across the
long john clad m
man in a pair of
was back in abou

"Another time
lines when all o
crossing the riv
put every piece
British) on a se
Germans got back
calling for fire
tower. They got
in the roof. The
feet. I went bac
tinued to observ
friend a post ca
picture of me at
anniversary tour

"Later we move
observed the Kra

"This was just
crossed the rive

"You may be in
with. J. J. E. B
in Holland, he w
He and his partn
the Germans. Whe
out to kill Germ

get copy of picture!

prisoners one at
German prisoners
He did some big
stairs and remov
thanks from Ike
Dutch decoration
we had.

"When Regiment
helped screen al
them weren't to
ful. S-2 was dug
Sometimes we wer
personnel. I sho

Cartledge
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424 W.

Dear Mr. Schaj
In my last le
Frank Sayers
before Romans
each other an
lives (our ow
and during th
made a few
of the time,
ourselves fo
with our w
throwing, fig
how to work
most comfort
expert with
strength tra
combat. I wa
Nicholai and
although he co
carbine with
you probably
only about 15
about majes

so to limit seen
a thing of beauty.
more ammunition
in the twinkling
horse, he could hit
was a joy to hav
an extra grenade
I wanted to be am
From this to time
or perhaps to Rela
Marshal (our e
Forest" of many
adventurous
camp asleep by
in the wee h
come by my te
about where he
about the Amer
parachute wing
wore, and he di
he had commun
was wearing o
gathered that
pocket complet
top. He really h
In Normandy w
can only tell y

and I was on a
plane missed
our stick was
eleven of us ju
and I didn't get
Carentan. Chief
way forward, an
canteen was dr
dropping in a p
and I asked Chief
I thank. When I
choked on it an
asked him for

Carentan was th
and it was cas
gradually back t
into a line beg
beyond the line
just skelled us
near us to ou
were practically
for him and he
Chief, that great
him. His name
from Chicago wh
that he had bro
morphine syrett
eternal peace i

was gone. Chief ga
some of the pens
placed it believe
ran out like a
rivulets and ch

Colonel Johnson
just before we
the Holland Inn
as quickly as p
rail bridge at
road on the oth
Willems Vaart C
miles from our
told us how
quickly we m
they could be
that Sunday af
one o'clock a
the first man
to award a
bridges, the to
us, and to kee
town of Veghel
everything went
except I hit a
and the other g
But Chief wo

toward the bridge w
and 2. We followed
into their homes th
greet us. They we
those minutes I ju
perhaps even to s
But as we were cr
was Chief banks
the ~~soldier~~ should
rider as he crossed
off with his mac
walls of the bridg
just across, but
got there. Brown
the bridge onto
eight that just
the rail to the
reeled to the ro
But Chief got the
the first German
no one cared.
and everyone
~~that~~ was what
family each of
even better tha
we still alw
Star; and alway

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Dear Mr. So

Perhaps si
wanted to ca
Sayers. There
feel myself a
buy winsled
then I will
When I talked
and a half
Market Garden
chocolate) to se
else I've ve
extra shirt
you think
life is
give out of
stand. Chief ca
even had one
a sub machi
team carried
Gammon
special
with C-2 pla

impact, and we co
and tanks were n
pillboxes and in
clear. They were a
mud, but did c
knives on our bo
handles that were
razors. I had a
liter of my cante
pistol taped bet
my hands if the
concealed weap
enemy had am
had moved to a
a out of ammo.
the "Devils ri

In the days that
sometimes nothi
were no lines,
town. The Amer
objectives and
holding "the towns
and Nijmegen
between belong
and down the ro
east to Eip, and
this would be
no lines, and

sometimes we'd
main objective
up a large force
to get to Vegkel
To be frank, they
tos Jar * was the
about fifty pie
seem they cou
a book about th
autographs and
I remember wh
four trucks wit
the men had stop
were the only
the enemy could
Captain told th
I was to tell h
I came back an
It was an eggs
soul, once in en
minutes all he
the bodies and
and guns burn
we'd always be
army was mus
and inept, no
for historians as

Towards the end o
headed north to
bounded on the n
by the Wael. The
the 33rd can wa
we were in a
teams were on th
about a mile. Th
bank was wo
ride for the mo
and they pulled
yet arrived fr
one of the most
wonder at the
men for two
British were pu
Ribbons called
and the Germa
points, one bein
to each other, b
away at Vezhel
a company had
It later turned o
their shiny faces
new uniforms a
were fat and sl
We knew they w
and they all wer

them, at distances
capabilities. We
like an army, ge
they fired back we
the trees and bu
Our only artillery
was our mort
reach them, they
furiously digging
were things of
away somewhere
photograph them.
chief's grenadiers
they waited for
they were like t
German Divisi
boys; men wit
white bread ni
I'm certain we
It gets dark re
by dark we co
of hand grenad
and Brown Bes
and that was
But we dealt
th dyke and o
never known

had looked so
them with our
guns. and anyo
getting close ever
radios as yet.
were well dug
factory (they m
for our attack,
and there were a
us. They must h
they were being
Brown put on a
pistol with our
the dyke, cross
calmly emptied
walked back a
about that/ or
fired at him at
50/ st spread out
Germans attack
ten days later th
the "White Bread
on the intelligen
in the few who
The other two tean
Johnson was re
He came and engu

I got a medal
have given all
days later just
But Petain ha
we were split
and Becker w
together again
time, talked on
at Dijon a few
Boulogne and
then, but perha
Blanchette and
two last mea
got over that
and then when
flew into Berl
Nazis. Our team
his son, Roland Le
stopped traffic on
of thousands of
Americans wer
gate where Ch
has told you, I
on special miss
again. He wrote
lot more I could
and if you have

/or your persecu
But in defense I s
hard at Oriel, Kulp
served in the wa

I'm sure you ha
to write so lengthy
explain, a bit
you should know
that had been h
understood him
small team
all my life that
is true in the
But all fighting
I wish I could
did were done for
that are true in our
it was more basic
men. It's in
that jazz, but /
suddenly with
there was danger
on a plane of life
would we
We were where
were meant to
not being

and our boy for
each other. The J
Colonel Joseph Ca
in the south of
(carolina 1781) to
ranger, pathfinde

From Beaber to
they were the re
them, all the e

chief was a ga
telling you wh

Cartledge
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424 W.

Mr. William D.
The Minnesota

Dear Mr. Scha
There is so mu
of us who kn
loving you a
you in such
he was. Ther
many inspir
realized by
captain or a
do not really
sought every a
battles, loving
enemy one c
the final one
Frank Sayers
gave the enem
about having
more deadly
kind of man
ever known.
But to help
I'm going to
then tell you

should you wo
do it for myself
and if I don't w

Our unit was th
Reconnaissance) of
the 101st Airborn
Division we fo
Division had th
one glider reg

The S-2 Section
all privates, a
an officer staff
I was Team Lead
much of the
sustained casu
to balance th
with me wa
we averaged
and I was
teams of Jeff
Carenton, Fran
Palmer, Ninet
Bastogne, Belg
States with a
Reinhold Palme
Frank Sayers, Jr
Frank Castiglu
Roland Willia

That makes twenty
We were over thre
those last ten pl

I was just looking
of those men sign
Frank sighed. "N

Franks decoration
and you could n
verify what he
of us and my d
I'm listing my
stars mounted on
(red with blue bo
Badge, ④ Presides
⑤ The Bronze Star
Heart with three
of Operations Me
Battle Stars, ⑧ T
⑩ The Croix de Gu
Croix de Guerre
two awards of the
Orange Lanyard,
arm, ⑮ Expert R
carbine. Frank pe
steel, I didn't get
again if you w

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Dear Sully
I've never
battlefields,
a numbe
on the y
to Arnhem
the dyke
watch tow
again, an
all the gu
the old P
Arms, C
and a lab
dyke mar
to draw f
them. A
up and d
their we
firing h
reading
and I'd
ammuniti
walking
red ber
top of h

45 at them 450 ya
walked slowly bac
hours when they
a thousand yard
at them.
and I. remembe
ther, until only
and I'el remembe
me on the first
of us, and how
close by all th
the kiln that al
of for as long,
and I. and th
ter in the bu
~~Food~~ Teichma
Incredible Batt
and Blankets
with Pillow,
the awsome
high over the
side just abo
as we drug
the bank up
above again.
then the good
had flanked th
there Artillery

Reckon. And
th rubber boo
other side, a
leg in a cast
th way acro
swimmin.'
and I.ef remem
ni th brick
mortars, and
dykes and w
and Jum y s
again and ac
men.'

left to himsel
take-off and
sling. Carryi
Bogart's jeep
gliders were
The drive
time Hart arr
from the jeep
looking for s
The glide
Nevertheless,
headquarters
Wysocki sho
"Hey!" s
Tony, a
of the vehicl
seat next to
ably thought
else, Hart str
was not on a
never know
But he wa
It was a b
a short run,
with the emo
was not afrai
that he felt
watched wit
Channel. The
over the side
of space to t
as being ver
shoulder and
carbine.

FOUR STA
THE DECK

Over the bright, su
try reminded him of h
his two sisters. He supp
breakfast. Tomorrow
in the newspapers abo
they would know whe
ticularly sad. What str
in Holland. It was a lo

The roar of the wi
thoughts with Tony,
open door or watching
him that within an hou
to him horribly woun
tured by the Germans
can soldiers were supp
he and everybody else

He was startled th
of an outboard moto

Looking down ove
the countryside had s
real—had crept over th
bankment and a ruined
luminous orange flame
where there was utte
pointed, and when H
gazed straight down i
the plane.

His first reaction
body was trying to kil
was lifted into the hi
came his heartbeat.

The pilot and the
sitting very still. The
around it in visible re

had turned to the planes behind him
enough to realize that he was unharme
ever, an angry dark upheaval of fire burs
and above the wing, and in the thunderou

In a few minutes all the planes had p
sector of the front lines into an area w
ceased. Hart sat back in the seat and gri
no meaning in the grin; humor seemed
He could tell by the clamminess of his sk
see that Tony was pale, too. Hell—Tony
wonder he had been so quiet on the flig

Hart closed his eyes for a few minu
identity. When the firing and explosion
space, he kept his eyes shut. He wished h
gunfire was one thing, but, if a wing cam

During this time the land had become
with a little different sound. When Hart
they were flying much closer to the gro
and canals, and he could guess by the w
the window at the ground that they we
The plane was about 800 feet in the air. T
was arranging his equipment. Hart did th
he was scared stiff.

Almost at the same moment that he sa
and edged with banks of linden trees, th
from the pilot in the seat ahead—a loud c
little whistling of wind, silence. The glid

So steeply was the ship banked away
flight that Hart had to grasp the edge of
self—as he imagined—from falling into To
same steep bank until he had made a thre
400 feet off the ground, he straightened
quiet glide for an open space of meadow a
with relief that there was no firing.

knew and
minutes he
thinning tr
Emergi
glider field
however,
them a we
licking up
Hart appro
been burne
and black;
He gaz
He had
distance, b
hospital te
almost whe
were still;
road junct
where. It r
Within
Hart's fore
and when
until the d
blood had
"Wher
on a cot.
"Zon."
"Whic
"Kanga
Kangar
50 1st Para
"How
"Hey,
far is Vegl

"Ten or fifteen mile
"Which way?"
"You lie there," sai
You've had a concussion
"I feel all right."
"Maybe," said the d
to have a brain hemorrh
tossed his carbine onto
tent, and went away.
The sling had long
the arm gingerly, it obe
ages, but he felt no p
thoughts were disconn
the woods and wonder
membered that he was
at Veghel. They might
Lying quite still on
at last all the doctors m
tent, he got to his feet
to get to Veghel.
To his stupefaction,
For a little while af
darkness. But when he
behind him, he walked
helmet over his bandag
was oddly lacking in d
in the darkness he clim
sleep. Another man w
abandoned but unused
Hart spilled the silk ar
He awakened hours
shared the glider with
"Move over a little,
There was no sound

Hart sho
one arm stu
man's face.
The flesh
For a mo
closer about

The mor
landing zon
with the flu
had a quick
well. As Ha
time that he
hension. As
the day bef
carbine in t
He was
Peter Frank
interrogatio
quarters, wh
505st headq
ambushed b
socki was o
"What a
orange arm
loud with b
The para
position. Th
and within
506th had ha
southerly en
in the north

was about all. Around
and quiet. Ewell had o
set up a command post
was in a lumber yard t
villagers were having a

"How long's it goin
main highway.

Frank only shrugge

"Have the British g

"Not a sign of ther

Hart was silent. He
and the morning of the
land in such high spirit
in a dream, not longer t
different. He had lost t
ously as the car crossed
neers were building a s
lessly at the crowds of r

At the regimental c
into a formal garden, v
grass. As Hart got out
Gordon.

"Thought you were

"I got a little delaye

Gordon grunted. "C

* Pronounced Air'dee.

As Peter
seized by the
On the first
by the main
18th. On th
Eerde, was h
Germans evi
was quiet. A

Veghel, t
homey little
towns of a c
all. This gav
The homes
two stories i
the most pa
trees, macad
at the square
it was possib

Much to
nor many w
vicinity was
from the to

Colonel
It was bristl
so numerous
the door of

reputation. It was possibl
even the internal state of
town hall as their headqua
men with orange brassar
their shoulders hurried in
great many of them mingl
hotel bar, where the setting
by Ernest Hemingway.

The collaborators wer
delayed retribution. The g
featured, and they went
they seemed to accept it
thing to be said for both
seen German prisoners sh
Dutch crowds who watch
displayed none of the sick
crowds showed on simila
all. The male collaborator
canal front, where anyone

The gaiety in the stree
scarves of parachute silk,
block, singing songs that,
heard before. Tall clerics
an American uniform. Nu
their hoods. Even the mon
of the occasion and trotte
occupation—evidently on

Johnson's command p
house that belonged to a
His wife was small, seriou
principles more than pr
private soldiers dig foxhol
they willingly and happily
ment wanted; and they ins

visions to serve the staff. As a consequence,
expected to be eating K rations in a foxhole
invasion, sat down to supper at a mahogany
waited on by two rosy-cheeked Dutch mai
It was not like Normandy at all.

2

The war that had been waged in Europ
Cotentin Peninsula was mostly to the south
then. The airborne salient had achieved con
the nearby town of Eindhoven to the junc
borne Division north of Uden the entire c
The news of the landings to the north s
evidently the 82nd Airborne Division, whi
over the Maas, was having a stiffer task at
sector, where the Nijmegen Bridge crossed
the first of the two most formidable river ba
ernmost American division and the British p
of Nijmegen.*
The situation of the British paratroopers
been surrounded and cut off within an hour
a communications center vital to the Germa
had been heavily garrisoned with troops, a
landings had been unexpected, recovery wa
captured from the Germans told of the sp
which the *Wehrmacht* reacted. This was G
best—and in the hours of delay at Nijmegen
for the Waal Bridge, and the delay above
Dempsey's army was held up, the heavy spa
was demolished by the Germans. On Augus
2nd Army broke through to the salient, the
of the Waal Bridge.

* We pronounced it Nigh-may'-gan.

afternoon in
country tow
on the sharp
sense, what

The Mysterio

Colonel Johnson was w
maps at regimental headq
steadily building up streng
fied communications cent
men reported almost hou
information twice) about
the north and west. For
while this went on, Johns
the opportunity they wan
Wehrmacht would strike.

Earlier, the commande
Harry W. O. Kinnard, ha
a great deal of argument)
offensive along the canal.
would happen, but what
the cost of two men wou
and a clean sweep of the

Johnson was impresse
could use Kinnard's strate
of the German forces was
the underground reporte
pincer movement throug
middle, and stop their att

On the day after Kinn
son called a meeting of th

* Pronounced Shin-del'.

he detailed
the north,
with a line
from the op
east of Vegl

From di
tanks from t
porarily att
assigned to
the tougher

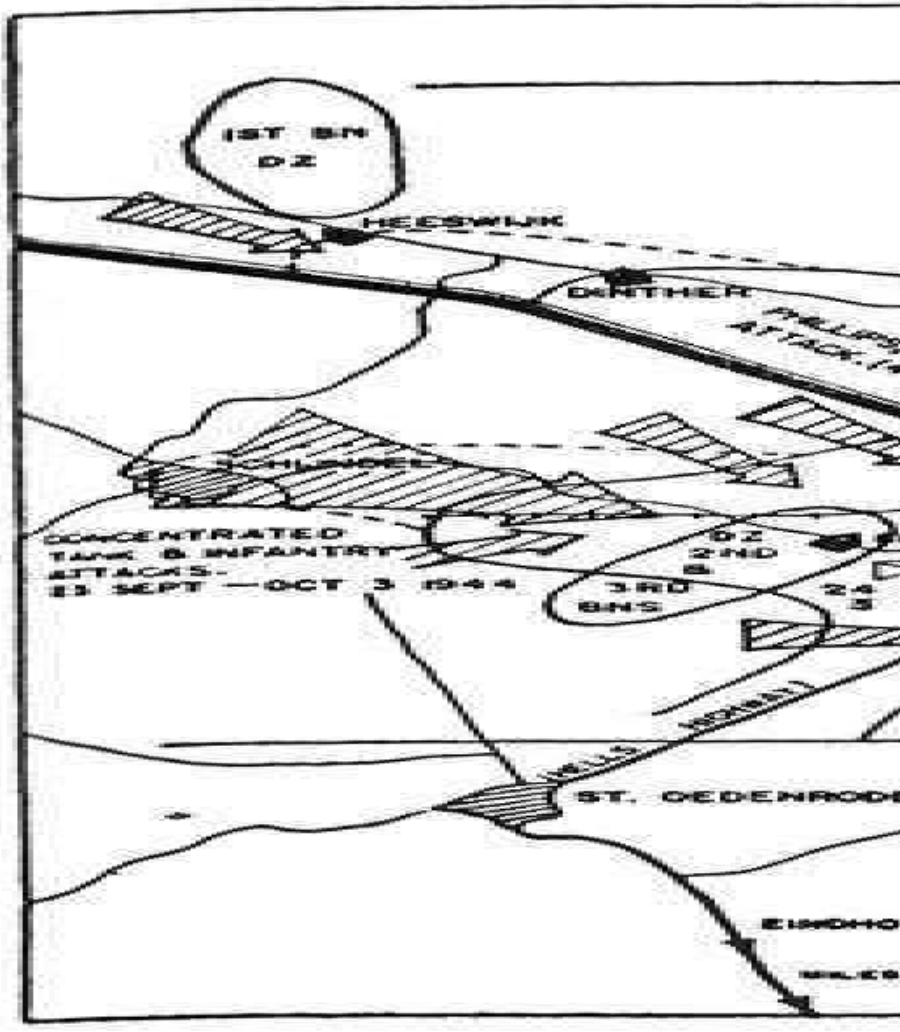
The atta

What ha
tirely clear.
for this port
had just retu
company c
regimental

To attac
connaissanc
briefed. Kin
by telephon
said that Jo
ment, a sec
from Kinna

As Ewe
order came

The nig
quiet on the
hour, but th
to do and w
simply got


1ST BN
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CONCENTRATED
TANK & INFANTRY
ATTACKS-
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2ND
B
3RD
BNS
ST. OEDENROOD

cover, and they w
themselves against
an open field, noti
trees and rustling
nights at home.

Lieutenant Jose
was in the lead of
proached a blacker
the wood door had
heard a strange so
underground. It w
realized what it w
Dutch people in th

Forney's comp
talion, parallelling
About a mile away
along the St. Oede
when, from a hou
weapon had been
heard the fire go w
column melt away

"Keep moving!
way high!"

"Maybe it is,
already have eight

This was true.
taneously with th
ditches for a whil
bring a heavy volu
they heard the mo
towards Schijndel.

Over at the 3r
counter with the
dropped down. It

them go forward. For a few m
hang in the balance. Then one
cers put their heads together
Toccoa, and, without furthe
German positions with the ol
tacle galvanized the remainde
behind them, and in a little wh
the crossroads of the Schijnde

Lieutenant Forney, follo
seemed to be an old blockho
caught his eye. It was a Ger
through an aperture admittin
sounds inside, and nothing w
of his sergeants caught up wi

"Lieutenant," said the ma
thing."

"All right," said Forney.

The sergeant took a coupl
a bayonet into the black hol
out from the darkness inside,
the Americans waited, eight
tion to surrender.

The 1st Battalion encoun
treat of the 20mm. gun. Th
shortly after midnight, while
position on the St. Oedenrod
Phillips, undertook the seizur
their progress, the men wer
several bursts of enemy sma
couple of blocks, they scar
house, they routed astonishe

encountere
taken comp
town with
heavy burs
set up, Lie
outside wit
block away
and three n
the C.P. w
the town w

The 3r
crossroads
houses wh
support, fo
cross-coun
couple of l
and tossed
a "*ping*" a
up as thou
looking in
howls and
clothes an
ground wi

A zom
opened up
Ewell's me
nard, relat
of a Dutch
jority of h
and would

This se
priest was
yet sure t
preventing

the morning, displaying
pleasure at the arrival
bring back a man who
returned with a little
"Keep your people
bunting, and to act as
tonight."
The Dutchman agre
there was a considerabl
on the *beidi* (moor).
"Can you send two
of those points and ha
Kinnard.
The Dutchman agr
At the first light, E
nard's force in the town
looked pretty good to
fully carried out Kinn
was no sign of life any
to rest by a shuttered
Dutch hands thrust ou
Schijndel was in A

Captain Stanley, w
rear of the attack, fou
empty German vehicl
the house alone for a
finally he opened the d
out, their hands behin
with them. Within a sh
troopers came by, and
of the German soldier

mately thirty
for Schijndel w
houses along th
post they had f

When Stan
four men to br
and the others
of his cab win

"Hey! See

Moving acr
of German inf

The Germa
trucks was driv
Henderson slo
chine gunner
tossed a Gamm
that exploded
pieces. Instantl
later they beg
son's party kil

Among the
that happened
relieve himself
suddenly jump
else Wilcombe
The Germans
guage that he
great deal of va
aid station whe

Wilcombe,
he came from
of Jean Harlo
on intimate te
the back, gave

His whereabouts was
enlisted men—Fred Baker
and Maurice Pumphrey of
a friend of Wilcombe's se
Near the aid station a sma
exchanged a spattering of
road in full sight, yelled "
to approach—after which
mime was carried on at in
the Americans grew wear
Germans jumped onto th

A white flag appeare
German soldier came forw
The Americans took him
avoid being outflanked by
ing found that there was
knew Harlow and Dietri
seize the aid station, and

There w
A few men
house rat-h
of the troo
maintained
outskirts. A
kept most o

Those w
reels may h
place, the p
may take t
barrow, bu
aerial bomb
taken down
enough to c
the street a
grenade. Bu
stories that
tants are ali

While
One of the
German dr
down and
Johnson h
interest of
almost forg

enemy attack from th
fantry, just south of th
Johnson found that he
on the 502nd.

His soldiers had fo
ing for two days. No o
one was routed out o
fields south of Schijnd

The break-through
was a threat to the sec
through that Ballard
brought to a halt whi
verted British armor a
it was the tightest m
pressed by several bat
the 501st was engage
taneous drive of the G
of ordinary paratroop
salient had narrowed

When the news o
and his men were in t
talions, under Ewell a
tional 170 who were
The British tanks ac
stroyed scores of Ge
away towards Eindho

The news of the in
well to stop. Let Balla
further reports reach
cut the battle off in n
nard to pull back thro

Kinnard, who was
charge of their own
nothing else he could

cars, and mot
them (with t
potatoes and
ground. But t
when they he
with you." So
the prisoners
guarding 250

An entire
to the outski
stopped them
line. The mer
named Erp.
grenades—the
Tiger Royals
halted. Burni
the fighting d
men had so
Johnson was
moved out of
told them to
a chance to

The village of Ee
down in the pleasant
much larger than a w
church in the very c
command post of Col
at the opposite end of
windmill had been a
Willemsvaardt Canal,

Colonel Johnson
Veghel to a small bri
meadow marked by
was an interesting an
Dutchman and his wi
borne invasion, and
groups and of the you
Both had evacuated
Eerde, so the rooms
the combat area—of h

Upstairs on the se
trunks. Because of th
falling on Eerde abou
Downstairs were two
a cabin on a sailing sh
hand pump, and, adj

The barn had win
the hay were assigne

who had to c
hungry pig.
galloped noisi
those men cha
minated the b

But what
was the astou

Lieutenant
the reginenta
in company
An enlisted te
enlisted men
vate Butterwo
and cursed.

The living
tenant Asman
other men wo
down under t
out at all hou
who was the
Lake City, an
cabin that adj

Since ever
noticeable at
men worked i
the cobbleston

A hundred
post, in the di
gation point f
lines all the ti
eyes of men
esting to watc

They stun
drama. There

soldiers behind Americ
tion troops for military
view most of them, exp
the edge of the chair,
sharp, dour eyes move
room.

They seemed divide
the elderly men, gener
pirited of all: they co
not much happiness in
unsmiling animal state
There were the very y
in need of a haircut; th
see the frustrated bull
there were the two of
other the SS.

The former were r
SS troops talked readil
came convinced they
officer class knew mor
enlisted men. The SS
were arrogant and tigh
they were stiff and corr
ing. All of them, enlist
the questioning was d
troops, made strenuous
viously a barn for cattl
They were sure ou

It was then Septem
had landed in Holland.
the survivors were ma

haggard, stari
endurable. Bu
hope of holdi
Nijmegen alo
through beyo
still be accom
part of the Br

While our
British traffic
"Hell's High
go. Very seld
his own eyes
as some minu
we could wit
It moved day
while we wo
it up north.

But we sc
this all-impor

The

Lieutenant Bowser,
first to spot the figures
In a few moments, Bow
be two hundred Gern
fire broke out over him
alerted the 1st Battalio

That left the sand

When Kinnard re
found his entire battali
tanks in defilade among
steeple. Shells were be
skirts, a building that o
the streets of the town
took Kinnard more th
pened—that the dunes
there in force. He call

The 3rd Battalion w
advised him that nine t
talion were on their w

Kinnard's command
Not long after he had
from the tank battalio
of the 907th Field Ar
Division. Kinnard poi
rectly into the face of
tioned around the chu

To Kinnar
from the 907t
steeple to obse
hazard, and he
own battalion
tions both for

Johnson, in
Eerde at abou
three or four r
the windmill,
running back t

"I was driv

Kinnard sa

To add to
command post
geant, and all
when an artill
ammunition lo
vicinity.

Kinnard m
dunes. He wa
down out of t
and tank men,
artillery on the

Colonel Jo
British liaison
part of Colone
nard, who was
earache.

Down at
truck had take

the company command
a better position. He t
forward quickly, their
dune lines. The British
refused. He said he w
shell from over the rail
an ugly wound in the E

Phillips and his men
hard, he lay on the gro
They'll burn to death!'

As the second She
position behind the fla
another shell from the
tank blew up, pulveriz
tank, entering the adja
when it, too, was struck
pation; the British com
any more tanks forward
dunes and the railroad

Then A Company,

In forty-five minut
the dunes and begun to
tion to the men; he mo
front lines, heedless of
intense that Stach had
reserve and had to use
the third moved ahead,
to support Stach with a
the attack, but he tried
and 400 yards ahead of
the artillery bursts we
that he could have mov
harming his own men-
moving.

The platoon
tenant Cecil C
Fuquay was th
the left rear to
was the section
under the com
was company
Harry J. Mier,
was firing into
The men w
attack, they fo
came a soldier
Murphy took a
the sand dunes
dent, but as the
under such a v
ception—the li
of Chicago, Il
He set the
the cracks of t
position on th
opened fire at
the German de
Murphy, was
in the woods a
Bleffer's ex
tired—were m
Mosier and M
charged wildly
positions in th
chine-gun bull
as they ran, a
mainder burst
my, and charg

beyond control: in twos
the foxholes, clubbing th
ing for the next position
by the spectacle.

"I saw them, in twos
saw some of our men g
three Germans. What w
member afterwards, bec
such as I'd never imagi
doubt if any group of n

Murphy was right. F
weapons and fled back i
fifteen were dead, and
overwhelmed. Of the
wounded.

It was only a brief
gunners destroyed a gr
Mosier's and Murphy's
the westward increased

As the Americans c
mortar, grenade and sm
vances had to be made
the base of a dune, they
fire ahead, watched for
concentrated on that m
this manner they gradua
dunes. During this time
putting shells directly
was firing too deeply int

All at once the men
Ahead of them was a gig

tion and that
did not obser
and, while the
fire. In the fi
sergeants, a sq
sion. Sergeant

Murphy g
reorganized t
longer in shap
into the com

Just then

The enem
that stage of
of Company
assault as rifle
were mixed
1st Sergeant
company run
didn't need a

The move
followed the
The soldiers
moved off ag
out orders. H
wild yells.

"I saw on
said Lieutena
motion. The
tion and knoc
then get thei
gun nest twe

The clim
Mier was con
enemy to the

fire of the 2nd Platoon c

Mier moved his men
ran forward. The men c
a few moments of wild c
fighting. Then the Gern
where the guns of the 2r

The battle was over

The 3rd Platoon alon
number had been killed
flushed an estimated sev
the 2nd Platoon had take
mans had escaped. The
woods and then to the c
of the enemy, and drive
achievements, A Compa
percent of the company
in action, thirteen men
and eight men lightly w
eleven officers and twen

Stach went out amo
and he liked his soldiers.
their chins up and ready

A little later on that
mand post with some in
man units which had o
same organization praise
St. Come du Mont in N
part to Colonel Johnson
the high ground of Hill
assault. It was the 6th C

The war had moved

Dear Mr. Dehon:

The "Incredible Patr
immediately broadcas
days afterwards. Li
with General Patton
into many languages,
Americans who know a
Germans on the other
other for several ni
they were killing pa
the 501st Parachute
one of the boatmen o
for trying it then,
admire the great cou
brilliant execution

It was a long time a
around, and I wish t
there had been the b
parachute landing at
Team captured the ra
of the drop, killing
twenty eight and the
the three Intelligen
October 4th, followi
could not get throug
for a couple of days
the river held by ou
miles. #1 Team took
near the rail bridge
thousand yards to ou

At that time there w
soon to change. Perh
across and dug in a
below us at the end
brick factory that f
The battle raged on
pushed back, and sec
down the dyke road.
Heroism and a battle
that day, October 7,
visit@ed the tower s
our six man victory
half. But I must co
the dumbest we ever
were clean shaven, p
they were as green a
shoot".

After many day
almost no loss
boatloads of t
crossing the r
who they were.
factory was co
front of us we
Division. The
eat the German
food reasons.
up on our inte
side, from Ren
Arnhem, the on
observation po
a thousand yar
factory, and #

From there we
night to captu
Lt. Hoffman.
never saw the
around at nigh
warmth.

But I get ahea
tired. I had
23rd of Septem
Others too. R
also been woun
Wedra and I ha
Colonel Ewell
had, but had l
bodies of four
up in their ab
assorted junk.
that the brick
or two after t
with him to th
Holland Invasi
ever seeing hi
directly from
ever been on a
He lead out in
embankment at
went in and le
the far side.
back into the
overhead where
that and we we
angry with his
boat down the
the boat and c
never been acc
reached down a
and said to Si
but I ha[illegible]wond
given him a ch

The foregoing has
was. The British
cigarettes. Their
and short. And we
tired. Some of the
victory earlier, m
#3. So this was t
"Incredible Patrol

Since Becker and I
Normandy and the f
tower to talk abou
he would never qui
one would be very
between his should
would have a chanc
to put into his ca
when they captured
a cigarette and a
they were not to d
upside down, it mi
if the fighting br
Sims who wouldn't
light a match down
and anyone with hi

On the night of th
in Heterin until d
down the pasture a
the brick factory.
I pushed the boat
reached the other
arrived beside us.
were to wait for f
to paddle back, fo
pop high in the sk
bearings.

We barely made it
froze and waited f
the pasture, Teich
dyke next to the t
house a short dist
Section were hooke
in constant contac
took their boat ab
began the long wai

The next twenty fo
interviews of the
the number of pris
was a mad scramble
some more boats.

When the lights fr
at Renkum, Teichm
began running dow
two trips across.
house nearby wher
artillery observe
he said "Nicht So
prisoner number 3
32. I have the M
dropped.

Our second trip w
side. But we had
he cried all the
couldn't swim, an
him several times
our side the wate
the two German pr
boat toward the s
paratroopers and
front of me began
trying to draw fi
gun's front sight
him in the rump w
boat through the
the German with t

I got him a ride
the MP43 that I w
it was the first
it back to Aberde
which he did and
February 1945 fro

After we marched
turned them over
to our team in th

Peter Frank could
view. And no, th
war.

A few years ago A
reunion at Ft. Be
Blanchette and Te
not to send out t
Downs and Castigl
explanation, we w
Amburgey down in
did Sims and Hoff
grieved for the l
noble, brave and

I'll send a copy
time as your lett

1. Name Dr. Arthur B. Lu
rank on D-day? Lieuten
belong? 3rd Battalion

2. Can you recall anything
for the mission, weath
showed me an
under and
he would be w

3. What do you recall of
Cherburg Peninsula?
approached co
ocean a

4. Did anything occur as

5. What was your drop lik

6. Did you encounter any
describe:

7. What did you do once y

8. Did you find any other
call:
How many of these men

9. What was your particul
Causing at

10. Did you accomplish you

11. Who was the officer in
Wa
many men did he collec

12. Describe as best you c

13. Do you recall the weat
particular day?

answer for two years. By
an object of most intense
noon. Finally had locate
mail letter to him in Oma
postman delivered the rep
day.

Major Legere whose leg th
shot by the sniper wrote
the young soldier but I c
answer. Both Rendezvous
Night Drop (A story of t
liste the young soldier a
have the answer to this e
for you -- after all it w

Capt. William Waldmann -
S/Sgt Kenneth Oliver - 32
T/5 Harold K. Nolley - 67
life was Eddie Hole)
Bernard "Benny" Hungler -
Hector Rousseau
Dr. David Kingsten
Bud Harbaugh
Hank Rossetti
Wayne Walton
T/5 William Price - KIA
Pvt. Hasel Price - KIA
Sgt. William C. Grant (at
Robert Wright - won SS fo
T/Sgt Owen Lewis
S/Sgt "Bunny" Simmons
Sgt. Richard D. May
Cpl. Hambruk
Robert Reynolds
_____ Green (medic acce
_____ Bohn (not a medic
Harold Hibbard - suggeste
Eddie ~~Hole~~ Hohl
Pvt. Gillette
George Hutchins

If you knew the home area
I could locate them and a
remember the soldier and
describe how he lost his
to them and still does.

(Dr. Waldmann says the na
man is listed among the H

Mr. George Koskimaki
13914 Edmore Dr.
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Koskimaki,

I have received your re
on D-day and I can iden
correct), and I think h

It is quite possible th
General Taylor during t
beyond the crossroad th
holed up there, and fir
think we had one mortar
The Germans surrendered
recall, General Taylor
road at the time Major
more than 25 yards away
right side of the road,
the Major and in fact r
plain view at the time,
bands or any other dest
Silver Star.

We held the causeway un
on. I went to the area
1st Bn. before we moved

I do not know if Major
Hohl's parents. At the
Bn of the 501, but as a

I hope this information
Communications from the
appreciate it if you se

Sincerely,

Arthur B. Lunin

Arthur B. Lunin, M. D.

P. S. Continued on

Mention of Naval fire b
Naval gunnery officer a
support us. This offic
off for the invasion he
report this and recomme
be allowed to go. Agai
don't recall what drugs
we were in France that
by the fever, and all I

For want of a n

For want of a s

I don't think I was eve
along the road, apparen

George E. Koskimaki
13914 Edmore Drive
Detroit, Michigan 48
July 22, 1966

Dr. Arthur B. Lunin,
1417 Medical Towers
Houston, Texas 7702

Dear Dr. Lunin:

Many thanks for the
answer was somewhere
without someone know
General Taylor. Har
the man as Eddie Hol
though he did not wi
puted his word and
concurrence with his
while you feel he co
men who were acquain

You may wonder why t
there is no Eddie Ho
with Destiny for the
ports of many men fr
units in the special
men of the 501st Reg
of kin, and wartime
not listed anywhere
as far as the divisi
Dr. Carrel if a lett
received only a tele
many parents wrote t
loved ones. Another
John C. Berlin. He
list so you can see
been written about c
Taylor told me I had
really been time for
detail.

Night Drop and Rende
was shot in the head
noted that he had ha
it was due to the wo
haps you will concur

I am expecting a vis
of 3/501st Headquart
for reassignment in
day now with his wif
officers (William Wa
Capt. Louis Axelrod
the Ski Troops in Co
also but am not posi

I am sending you a
ones for which I ha
be glad to send.

Houston, Texas has
group out of the wa
own Screaming Eagle

You asked for infor
Write to Walter L.
ation, P.O. Box 454
division associatio

Next June (early) a
the old sites in Em
be on board. Frank

In September, 1969,
orated with another
ones have been huge
H/502 handles those

Books pertaining to
tioned): Four Stars
is strictly about t
Out Below, by Chapl
good chaplain or pa
General and recentl
the chaplains now.

I hope in some way
did for me. The du
news bulletin bimon
with Destiny, send
reprinted and is mo

Am also sending you
unable to attend.

Again, many thanks

Most sincerely your
George E. Koskimaki

Mr. George E. Koskima
13914 Edmore Drive
Detroit, Michigan
48205

Dear Sir:

I received
going to be much of a
marshalling area . I
hit near the coast.
The planes split up
of shrapnel hit Jim G
Our plane made a shar
tracers pass right th
the pilot came out an
only had one radar pl
are, but we're over l
England with us?".
and we hit hard. The
hit the ground. I cu
tangled up. We gathe
find. I remember Gos
boy's were I don't re
supposed to be. Just
rifle assembled I hea
password. Someone hi
recognized Doc Moores
keep coming bac. Ab
us and packed us acco
some of the boys had
We found W

As you can
have been
I was able
I am sure
yes Ge
at first
mem

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1. Name Mr. Warren Rudy
rank on D-day?
belong? G/501st Parac

2. Can you recall anythin
for the mission, male
OLD BLACK MA

3. What do you recall of
Cherburg Peninsula?
FOR ONLY

4. Did anything occur as
20 MM

5. What was your drop lik
PUT HOLES IN

6. Did you encounter any
description?

7. What did you do once y
CHUTE CAME
TO ENTANGLE

8. Did you find any other
rel
how many of these men
PLACEMENTS

9. What was your particul
DIVISION HQ

10. Did you accomplish you

11. Who was the officer in
KILLED IN HOLL

12. Describe as best you
BACK

14. Did you knew any of
on D-day? How many
personnel? Yes
TWO MEN ONLY
MORAN. ? Any wh
way in Back. There was
15. Can you recall the n
from California reca
THIS NAME IS FA
I DON'T REMEMBER
IT MAY HAVE BEEN
16. For over a year new
medic who was killed
Major Legere, the as
G Company medic. Ca
possible leads? Det

I WAS A JU
BROKE ME LEG
FROM WHEN LANDING
WE WERE A MORTAR
THE CORNER. AND
WE HEARD OF GE
CAME DOWN - HIS
HANGING NEAR TH
THE STEPS AND
WE MOVED TH
OF OUR MEN. HA
BILL WEIR (LATER
AS FOR MY PA
HAD TO MAKE C
NOT KEEP UP
WHEN SOME SOL
HOUSE WHERE SOME
HELD AROUND WITH
THE GERMANS TO C
AND SO WE DID

Sgt Rudy
3129 Elliott
Minneapolis

Mr. Warren Rudy
3129 Elliott Ave. S
Minneapolis, Minnes

Dear Sir

I am presently work
[illegible] Division or D-Day
[illegible]

Dear Mr. Rudy:

Your name was forwa
ment attached to Ge
memories, and if you
[illegible]

I parachuted with t
complete a picture
several members of

I regret I can fi
I remember meeting [illegible] co
2 c or 2 > men left
Have you contact

-Sgt R-

Me I

A ...ractice Blan...

I'm writ...
make an critical
We are in
size by rippers
and the usual
Now we're
In a dick walk
toward the plan
file of men c...
on the face the
al mr side the
Time 10-10
We have fi
man to jump ...
ed in our resp...
Now is the
set in. Its a
stomach rich sa
and the startin
a little more s
The plane
ally small door
and there are r
With all t
more difficult

Prelude To Inva

The lights
have to bend way
door.

Whing-----g
up the motors.
order to fasten
is the boss of
Only about
belts because o
Tonight we
We are rat
During t i
centage of the
to bolster thei
damn.

This will
men talk about.

Jack Watts:
will hit it

Paul Soles:
Someone in Re
one that we

Bill Selby:

Charles Sawye
(He makes r

Sgt. Nelson:
We are now
at the far end

Bill Don
singing. "O
d
T
d
That's a
We have
is revving up
due to the pr
think because
It is no
singing. "I c
John Pegg:
Watts: "Wha
Fred Di Pete
The first
Di Pete: Com
some scene
We can he
be our turn.
Sawyer: Loo
Here we
the twin si wi
Solsa: "Gee
I stop t
along the runw
hesitate. I w
this load anyt

PRELUDE TO INV

and were off on

The boys a

uncomfortable e

The cigare

can reach them.

from the mooche

never could fig

Robert Welsh:

has a light

Peggy: Talkin

him). "Kee

There is a

a comfortable n

Donst has

saying, "This i

man!"

Peggy: "Lets

Donst: "Jump

The talk t

Solea to say:

home."

Someone in Re

the madret.

the chaplin

straightene

Looking ou

in our formatio

ing the maze do

along the narro

PRELUDE TO INVA

Solea: "Is ev

Dorst: "The h

Selby: Joking
channel. T
'Zoot' is do
as we call it.

Solea: "The
Its getting

Di Pete: Loo

Peggy: "Wonde
We all hav
blackened and w
to me and remem
from the pilots

Solea. "What
(Di Pete act
It's start

Welsh: "I've
to happen o
aster is mo

Watts: Stand
his nose su

Ray: "Hey fo
the Voice."
including h

Watts: "Now

Morris: "How
but he doesn
Morris? To m

PRELUDE TO INVA

On this eve
screaming f
Talk dies
dark. Time has
guys are sackin
All this t
feeling in my s
wool knit cap o
sir sick but am
it a bit, usual
I start th
kid she is, of
wore a light ra
ed sharp. I ke
les of her to h
Nope, no r
off my brow, I'
I try think
ing of the futu
this was the ga
I leave Jack an
other guys I kn
I stop suddenly
your nerve. Wh
I'm even more s
the hell with it
I remember
is sir, better g

PRELUDE TO INV

, I'll sweat it

I look ov

I turn away.

Better ge

about the prob

I glance

we'd jump right

few more minute

Take anot

lows are sort

Can't describe

I glance t

space of black

the exhaust dis

The red li

it calls everyo

The lieuts

stand up----'ho

snap shut and

Check equi

Sound off

The last m

okay, etc. up

the man infront

his turn to sa

The jumma

Everyone y

to relieve that

Your heart

crouch tens

PRELUDE TO INVAS

Reminds me
straight down fr
butterflies in m
The plane i
nearing the DZ.
I glance ov
me so I can see
crowded.
This is the
light.
There it g
Now the li
first.
You can he
man shows it o
The tensio
All of thi
can almost bet
As I get c
air as each man
Now its m
line away, ther
reach for the d
and make a hal
The prop h
roar iron.
I can feel
and down. I ca
open chutes oth
down there

down t are
Then flash
took the heart-
had my first fl
Now I'Meus
inevitable shoc
Wait now--------
Wram! My h
is a blank an
the opening sho
Now I'm aw
I check my
there. ~~Your~~ no
I'm oalcating
where it crosse
I'm heading
and are are to
must be to the
me. Too far, b
risers to slip
hear toward the
the ground, chr
gather and wait
Thump. I
I tumbel, my fe
quick look at t
quickly notice
feel a little a
prepare to

Political Party

As I do no
see what
Hear the pop, p
Then before
em like a polka
Gotta scra
get up ort
area.

The rest i
In ending
Winston Churchi
are the most mo

Dear friend,

I hope that you still
remember me. I am one of the FRENCH

Mr. George Dancere

Now Company

1. Can you recall anything

2. What do you recall of

Can you find other

H COMPA

OFFICERS
Capt. Felix Stanley (Died 1994)
1 Lt John W. Ell (Pfdr-KIA)
Lt John H. Herbert
Lt John W. Huffman
Lt Douglas Wilcombe (KIA)

FIRST SERGEANT
Joeseph A. Henderson (KIA)

STAFF SERGEANTS
★John M. Bacon
Joe L. Cardenas
John L. McMullen
Clarence J. Tyrrell (KIA)

SERGEANTS
★Gordon J. Bray
Odell K. Cascada
George C. Cook
Warren E. Gray (KIA)
★Robert J. Houston (DSC) Died 1994
Ottis L. Lester
Norman X. Marshall
★Norman N. Nelson
Frederick W. Niland
Donald W. Roswurm (Died)

TECHNICIAN 4TH GRADES
Robert J. O'Keefe (KIA)
John Posluszny

CORPORALS
John A. Clapper (KIA)
Charles B. Cover
Lee O. Logan, Jr.
Francis M. Milanj
★Harry Pisevich
Edward T. Ramsey
Gaspar M. Rodriguez
Charles T. Starnes

TECHNICIANS 5TH GRADE
Edmondson L. Crockett
Camil U. Graveline
Warren P. Houston
William F. McGrath
Carney L. Waldron

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS
★Reginald Y. Alexander
Joseph R. Allwein (KIA)
Robert G. Beachy
★Carl D. Beck
Henry F. Bodah (KIA)
Harry H. Bonfay

This is an address list (offi
dresses for all men whose nam
D-day medics who went in with

Dear George:

I just related the s
sure it was Danforth who

The medics that were
amongst us as well we sh
but a headquarters outfi
feel or have with the ri
Forces.

"Petey Potey" Luolo,
shrapnel in his neck and
Ironton, Michigan. (My
remember where old Pete
Bill says Iron Mountain.

I have a company pic
can add any names to you
after the picture so I'l
it to you and you can ch

And still no mention
complete blank on his wh
bined the 1st and 3rd Pl
Word should have been th

There was a Luietena
grenade, let it pop, and
with some -- McDonaugh
Purple Heart Lane. He w
killed--Price, 1st Scout
a potato masher dropped
Price. I was within ten
the masher came out the
Orlowsky, Turk, McDonagu
could do. Perry had carr
he'd dropped it in a cis
effective against a mess

Of all the hiring an
Board of Educ#tion; it h
to run into this trouble
deeply that -- but what

I'm sorry -- Eddie H

They tied a rope aro
come around for several
hard explaining whose si

Try this duty roster

3rd Platoon Leader - Lt.
Sgt. Word was the platoo
copporal.

1st Squad of 3rd Platoon

Sgt. _____ Serowiec
Richard "Dick" Richards,
Walter Turk, 2nd Scout
David Mythaler, rifleman
Tony Pignatello, riflema
Howard Cavanaugh, riflem
Eugene Pickering, riflem
Docky Orlowsky, rifleman
Bill Kopp, machine gunne
Pete Luoto, ass't machin
Buferd Perry, bazookaman
Cpl. Virgil Danforth

Mortar Squad, 3rd Platoo

Sgt. John Urbank
F. K. Morrison, gunner
Paul Hellinger
Lester Senter
Howard Lewark
Clarence Klopp

Joseph Cancepcion Ga
Yacquinto that went down
of a rest area for the t
sergeant they would come
I had Garcia, Morrison, G
Hellinger, Senter, Lewar
McCowin, plus a few more

From a distance, I s
anywhere was better than
1000 franc notes, that w
said!

Do you have a roster
the medics name I'll rem
1944 describing the acti

1. Name Mr. John T. Urba
rank on D-day? 2/
belong? G/Company of t

2. Can you recall anythin
for the mission, male

3. What do you recall of
Cherburg Peninsula?

4. Did anything occur as

5. What was your drop lo
o

6. Did you encounter any
describe: light

7. What did you do once y

8. Did you find any other
call: Lt a
How many of these men

9. What was your particul
you start

10. Did you accomplish you

11. Who was the officer in
Cpt true
many men did he collect

12. Describe as best you c
I can
I think
I stay

13. Describe the terra
particular day?

14. Can you recall
pany of D-day?

15. Do you know any
near Pouppevill
time?

16. The following m
of G Company.
that you know w

Luther Knowlton
Virgil Danforth
Ralph Manley
Ben F. Stephens
John T. Urbank
Fred Orlewsky
Raymond Turk
McIntyre Aiken

write

There was a Stephen
but I remember him
very N.I.A. He always
called me pleu stup and
I was told that he
lost both legs in
an artillery duel
and died in stuck

Al
aro
of any
beach
D. to
H. Bur
Arlow
T. Ulm

Faith crossed over St
then crossed the plac

John T. Urbank (Sg

My squad consi
jump). Calvin Klop
gun fire). Paul Hi
killed in Bastogne
and I lost track o

In the marshal
Black Magic. Chloe
was it twe years)

We had air cor
bastardly feul ups
the time we had a
put the permanent
weeks and then the
and the sugar fer

We all had tre
ourselves out of c
sharpening them. a
letters that werer
haircuts and some

We wanted to g
se I put on a pair
rounds with him.
loosely. On a giv
held him down and
his one side he st
us when he get fre

We grew most c
hair and we really
lay on the ground
while we were layi
him so he couldn't
he straightened it

So D-day came.
with his 03 in the
had for a weapon t
bayonets.

He pulled old
member everything
believe and the te

All during tra
chutists out of th
out of the tree an
and informed him t
to help him out of
body guards of Div

Well anyway Vi
at Pouppeville and
long side of his h

We were taken
our good Captain W
us of how each and
pany on this missi

Michael Aleysi

the company runner
don't say that Cap
feelings about the
"That's not it
get you they also
"Gee, said the
fit!"
Rielly's chute
drop and remember
Rielly was one of
Also the game
were awaiting our
The evening we
apple sauce, and p
remember the yelle
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Best clothed, and
another complaint-
Luckies, Phillip M
Wings, Chelseas, S
Headquarters had n
Back to my nar
sticks. The red c
nuts. A navy ensi
had never jumped b
parachute, we gave

"Just make damn su

Then while we
flak. There were
Pfc Merrisen, Pfc
Pfc Perry -- "That
age!" Well we lea

Lt. Barker was
behind him watchin
before we head out
seems that we head
flak came up, and

"Holy cow -- h
houses -- barns bu
of them sailing up
they went by. The
bigger stuff explo
hundred feet, as s

The plane in f
and received a dir
The plane on our r
down in an arching
that one escaped.
Chellin, John Scha
squad except Gaudi

Our pilot, abo
and just started c
other plane was in
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the Krauts yelling. "
membering it phonetic

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know! My musette bag

I figure at times
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attempted to get out
the Krauts sheulders
happy gentlemen shet

My rifle was brok
lay on my stomach, pl
trigger housing group
where the hell I put
trigger housing group
morning?

With three machin
I tried cutting my ch
the trigger housing g
manure. I hit a doub
our local sporting ge
thing with it -- and
right leg, left leg.
who were still about
Krauts!

To my right I not
wormed my way up to h
Flash -- no reaction.
it was a soldier and
that it was F. K. Mor

I backed away, he
clicks. Flash -- Thun
comme sergeant was th
"Do you want to charg

He says "I didn't

"Alright, lets ge
aren't so many bullet

So we wormed our
Castena got there fir
didn't see each other
Kraut paratroopers we
row with my canteen c
shooting and moving i
but my canteen is hur

Castena unfastens
behind the crown of c

So I crawled thro
was looking for my tr
jacket front and my c
finally got the cartr

I started moving
with Krauts. I must
these rascals for two

feet away and I didn
and let them walk awa
Or as Colonel Ewe
proud of you men, you
And old Aloysious Rie
hell saying I person
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G Company away becaus
couldn't find anybody
By then I was dog
stand of wheat, walke
innocence and slept
At first light a
two or three miles a
I then proceeded
yards in front of me
and we met real quick
with Krauts walking
Paul and I were
up with four fellows
they joined us. We
were seven of us. Th
Okay, so we need a li
We noticed a numb
radio batteries, wire
decided to find out
I appointed a co
paid to lead us, so
and then Lewark with

We finally hit a
miles from Pouppevill
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being shot at, shooti
and the boys were pre
had some pretty wide
Whenever we hit a
cutters and he'd craw
stretch of road we mu
nut insisted on cutti
I went up to the
uniform answered the
very unhospitably sla
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moustache, smoking ja
can!" "Etates Unis?"
of Peninsula, Ohio.)
This was at about
chocolate and we hadn
bundles in our search
Well to make a long s
heading. He said don
no Germans. Okay --
troopers heading for
We headed about a
cut loose at us with
to the French farm an
and wait for dark and

John T. Urbank

Bill Kopp will soon rec
write. He was our plat
standing behind a hedge
area. Bill had the gun
pounds of light machine
inert. We all thought
rolled over looked up s
hit it."

Bernie Gaudreau was the
lie was rather badly bur
finally got out of the
full benefit ot is air
and could speak French
hid until the area was

"Pappy" Kraeger was the
bricking, and acted acc
pace off a mile and the
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informed me that after
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said that he would do t
Back in those days I to
"Pappy" was strickly G.

The cooks we had in the
plied by Div. Hqtrs. --
Headquarters ate steak.
greasy pork chops. But
with you all. I unders
they had all kinds at

Ken Oliver was probably
from the 3rd Platoon.
one other man came out.
rascal got himself kill
we had a get-to-gether
shoot the bastard, if t
I can't even remember h
think any of us could g

Did Danforth tell you a
Rafiella flushed a Germ
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French gal. Mike guard
then Wier told Rafiella
dubius and left the hou
went back to Pouppevill
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Another time just befor
was on the other side,
got tired of this nonse
up to shoot again.

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a German came out, leve
jammed his bayonet into
gushed, just like when
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would never again wear,
he would take a carbine
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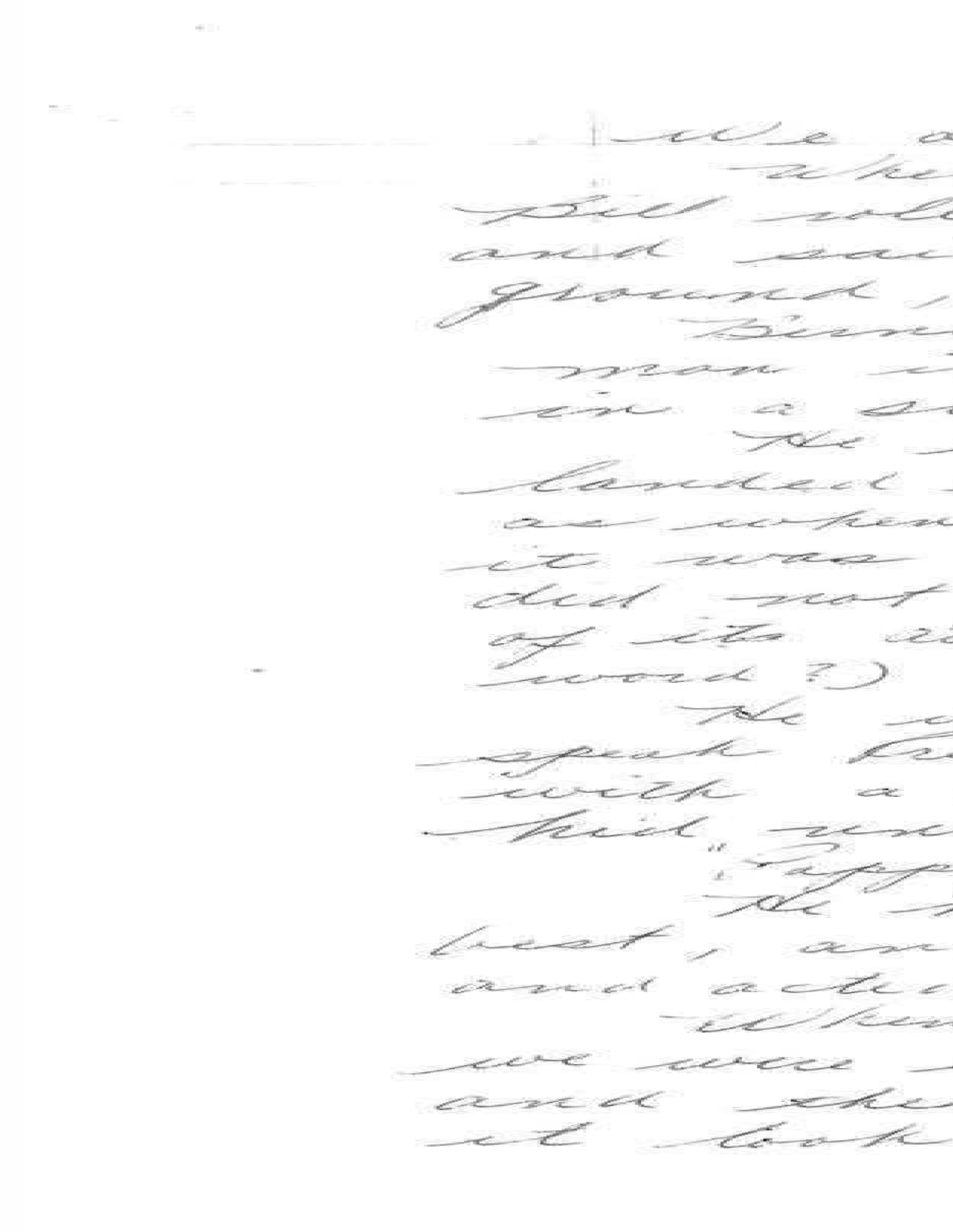

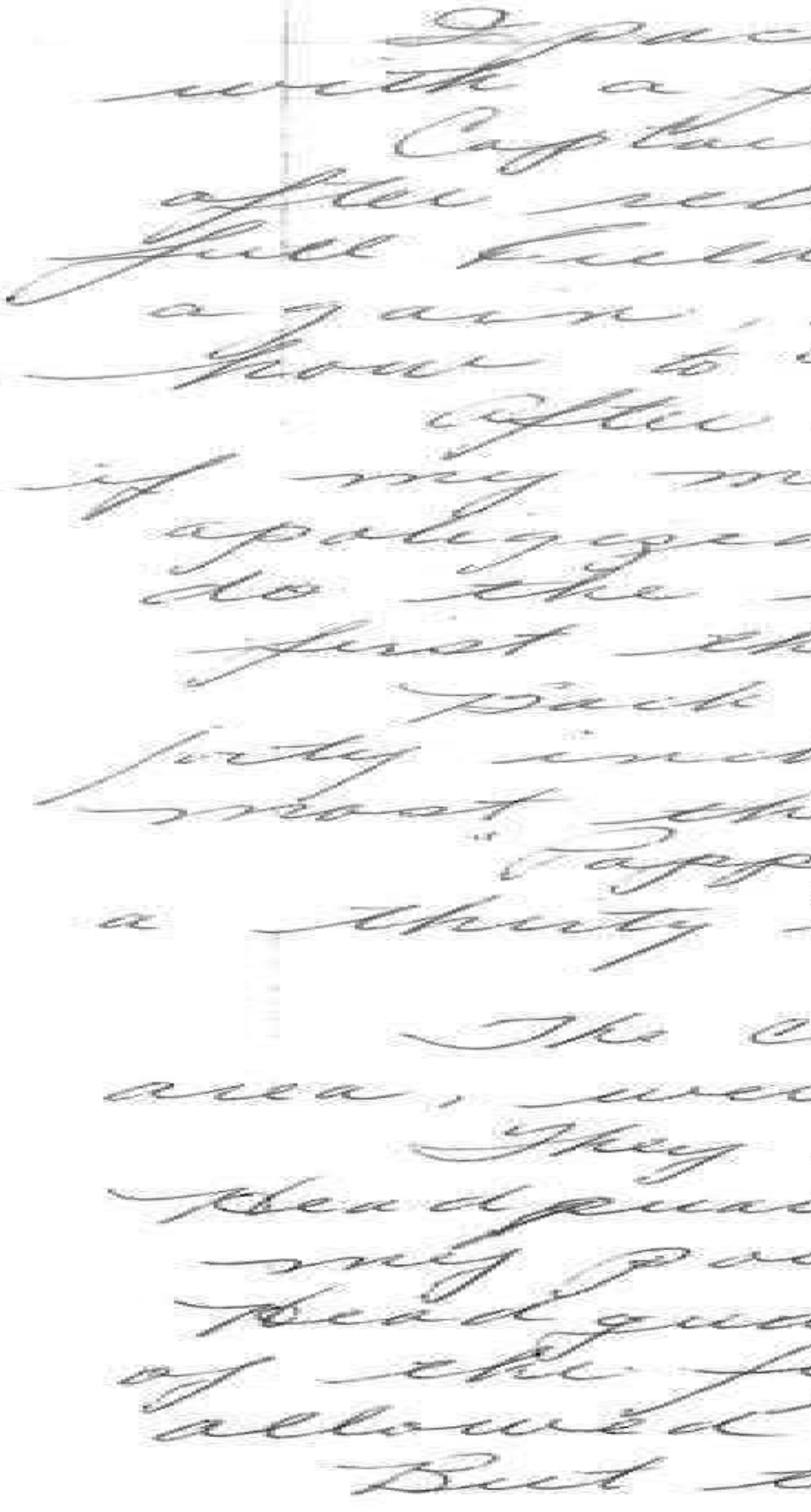

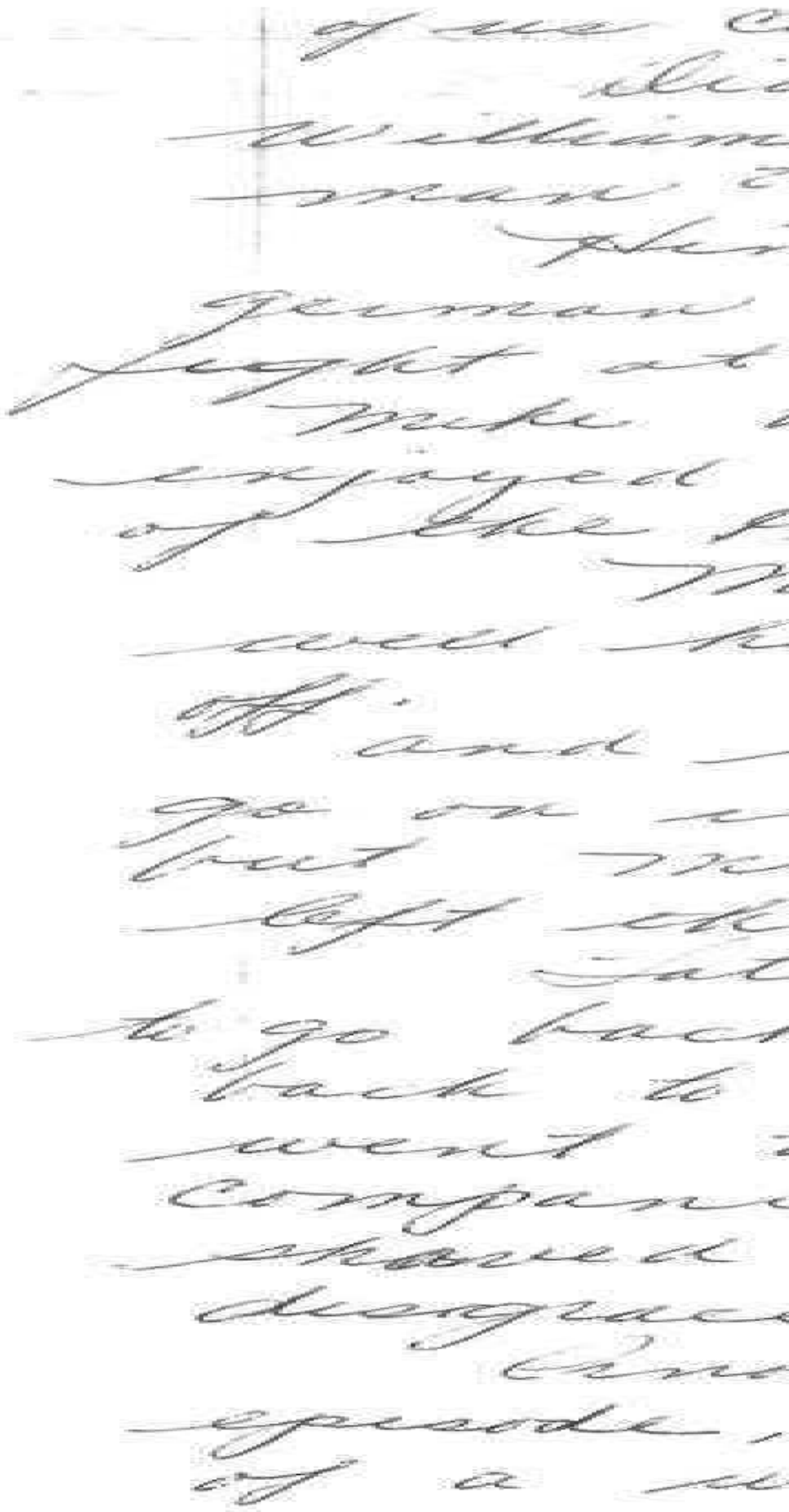

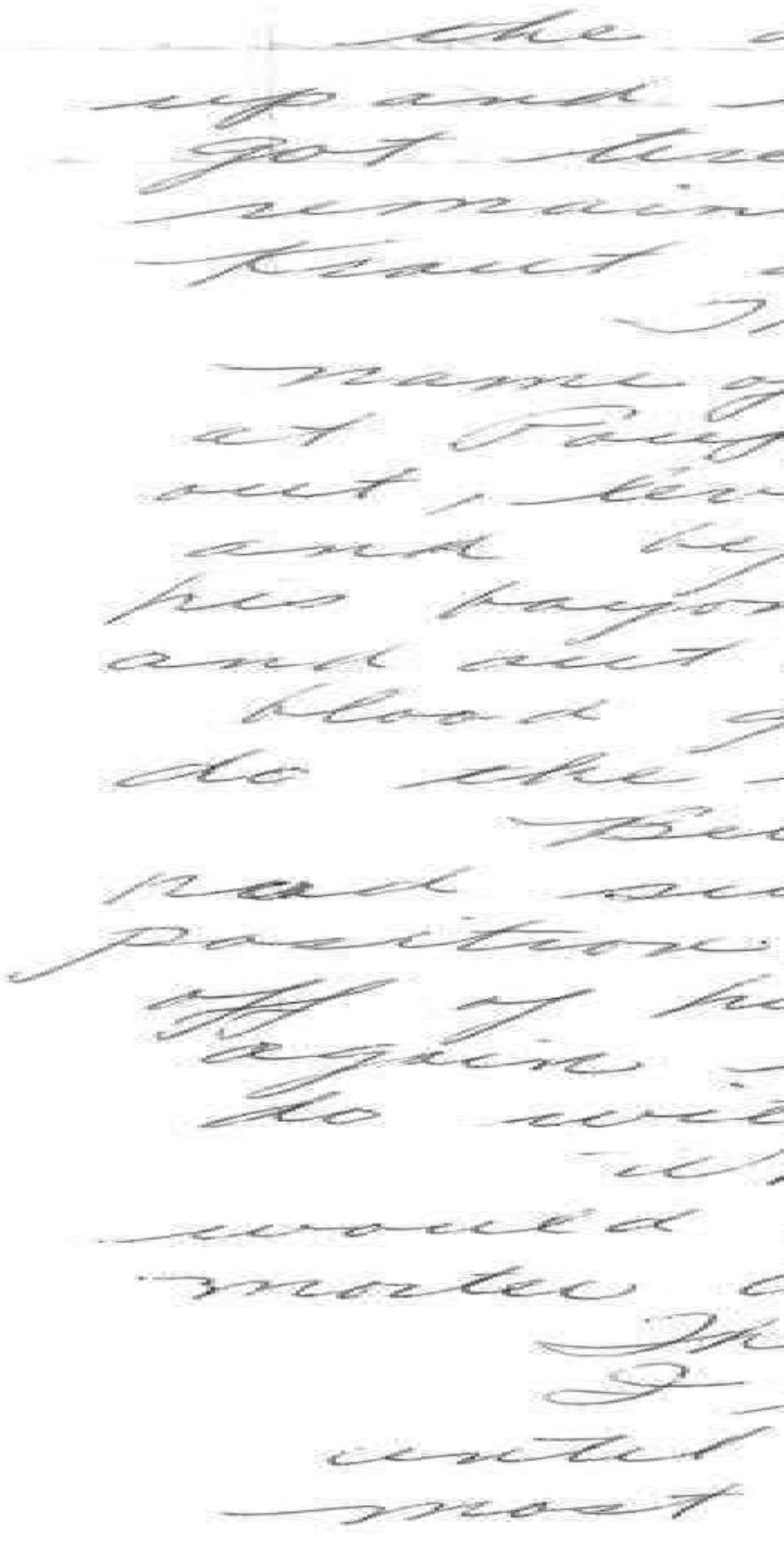

Dear John:

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I had available to m
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when we had steak--t
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New York. Here is t
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Donald R. Castena, 6
from: R.D. '71, Penn
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Thank you again for
nitches in this acco

George E. Koskimaki
13914 Elmere Drive
Detroit, Michigan 482

February 8, 1966

Mr. Jack Urban
Wholesale Opticians
Peninsula, Ohio 44264

Dear Jack:

Am in receipt of your
busy preparing a list
have replied thus far
ring some bells for s
in the hope that more
work.

I work on this materi
school where I have s
plan my daily program
me to set up a date s
Viet Nam. Tripes, th
would like to do. Wh
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Bill Kepp replied wit
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says he is from Iron
you verify?

You described General
up a tree. Now I've
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place in "an enlisted

Perhaps some of the r
lections. Danforth m
Did you have both men
Turk was knocked sill
Marks yelled "five ni
his helmet. Orlowsky

Must be off to school

Dear Jack:

Last night when I re
top team in the last
the personal foul ro
looking on) I found
Harold Nolley in Ind
and his "darling" wi

We had a nice 25 min
of the media who was
of your George Kmiya
the guy came from Pu
stated that both ne
you guys didn't "fra

I am writing to Bill
morning to request a
from your long domma
though I am certainl
supervisor at the hi

Thank you again for

George E. Koskimaki

Dear George

I'm sorry
any more exp
my papers
is returning

on Sunday at Cleveland, Come over
to my house and we will put you
up in the Guest Room, Write your

couldn't know how to read a map

so I will draw a sketch on how to

get here.

go to

Pennsylvania

Cross South

Dear Jack:

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mer commandin[illegible] of
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On Sunday, e
traveling to Cl
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morning I'd like
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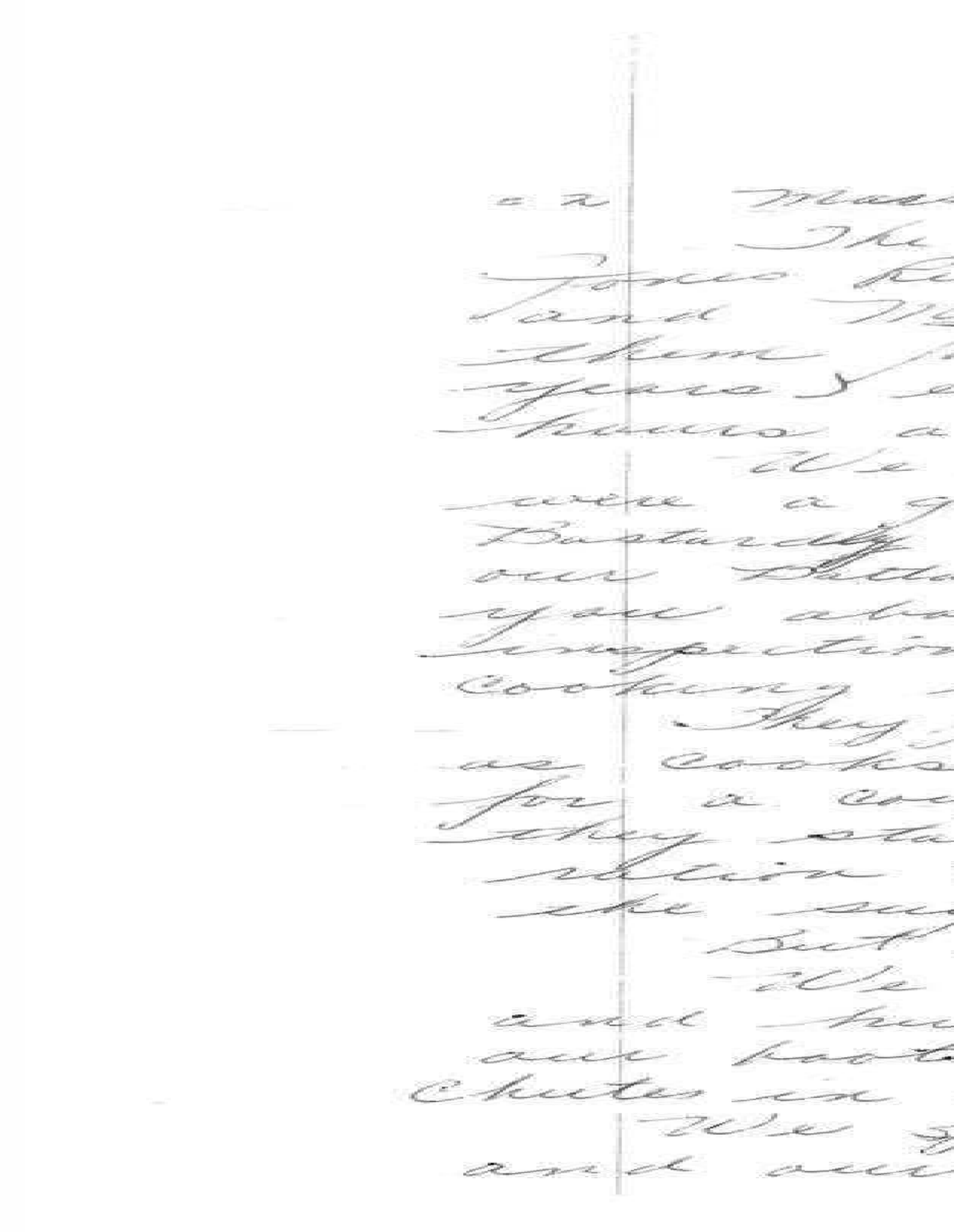

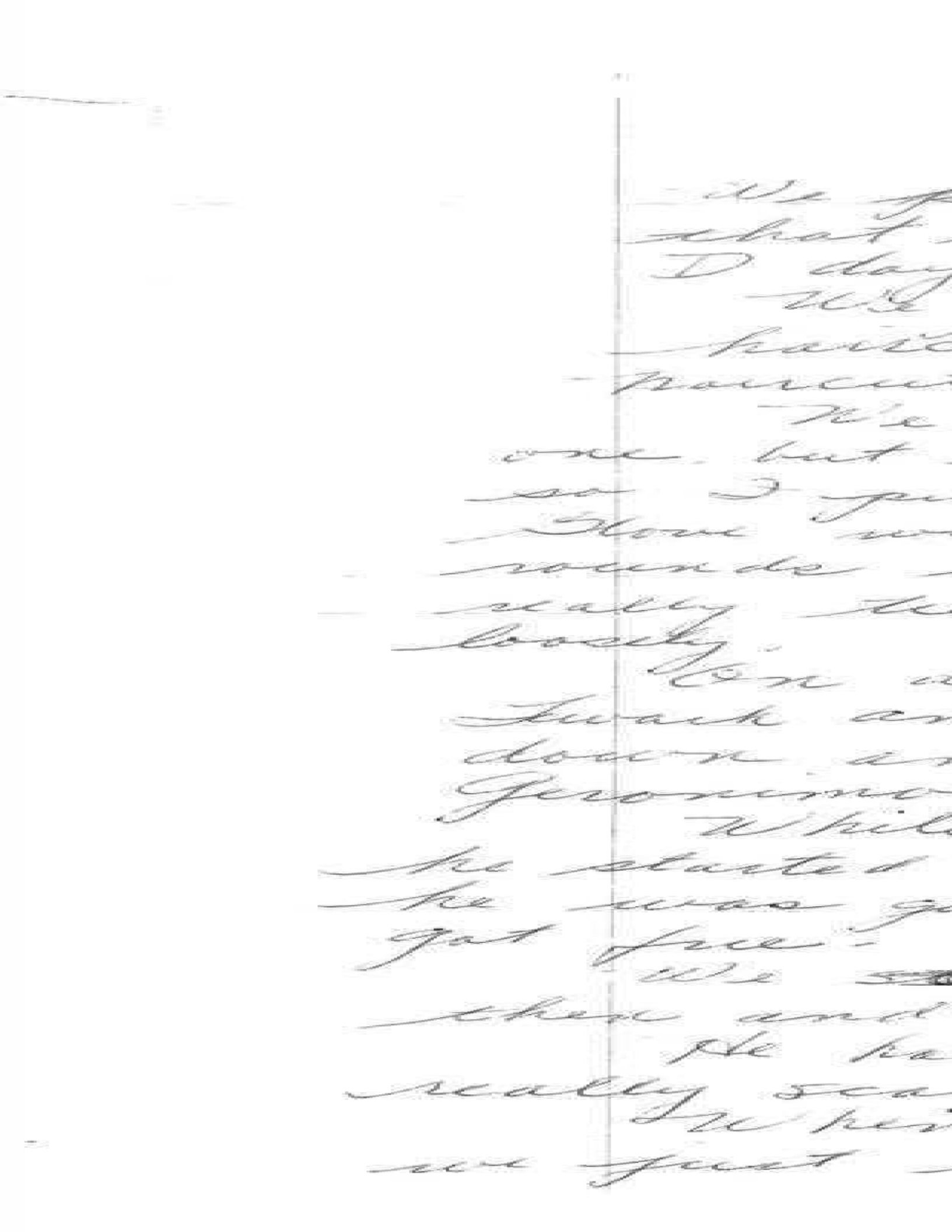

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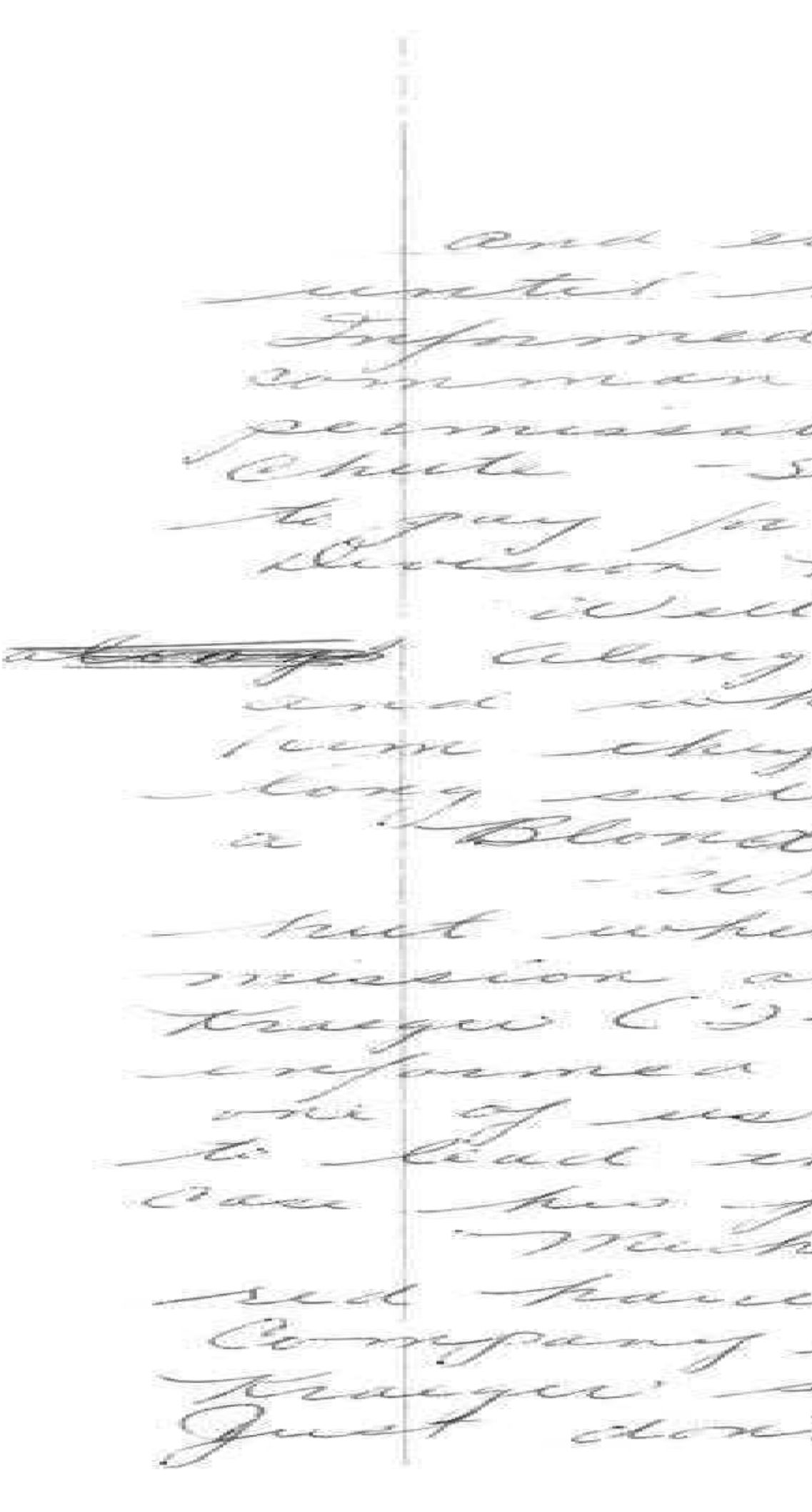

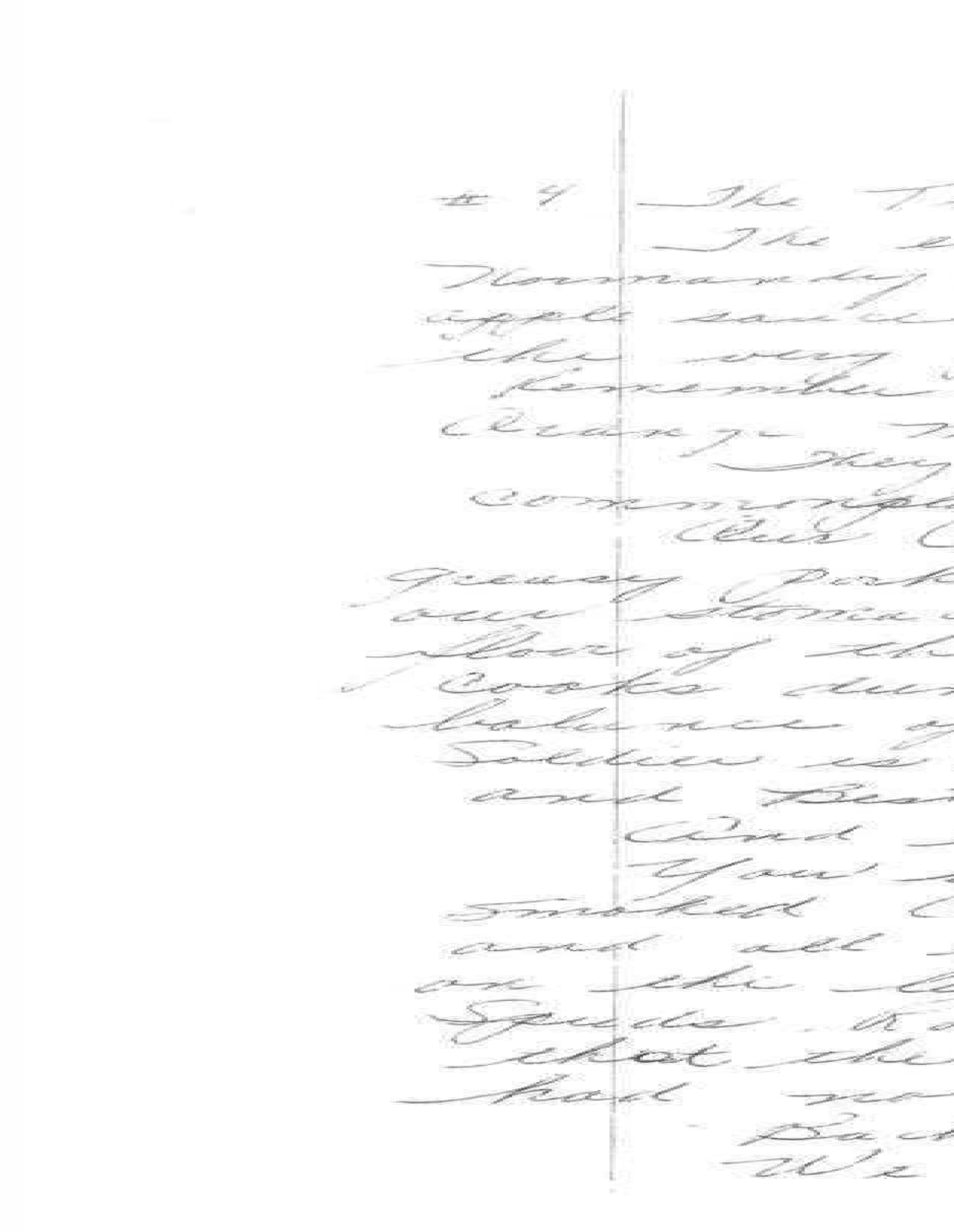

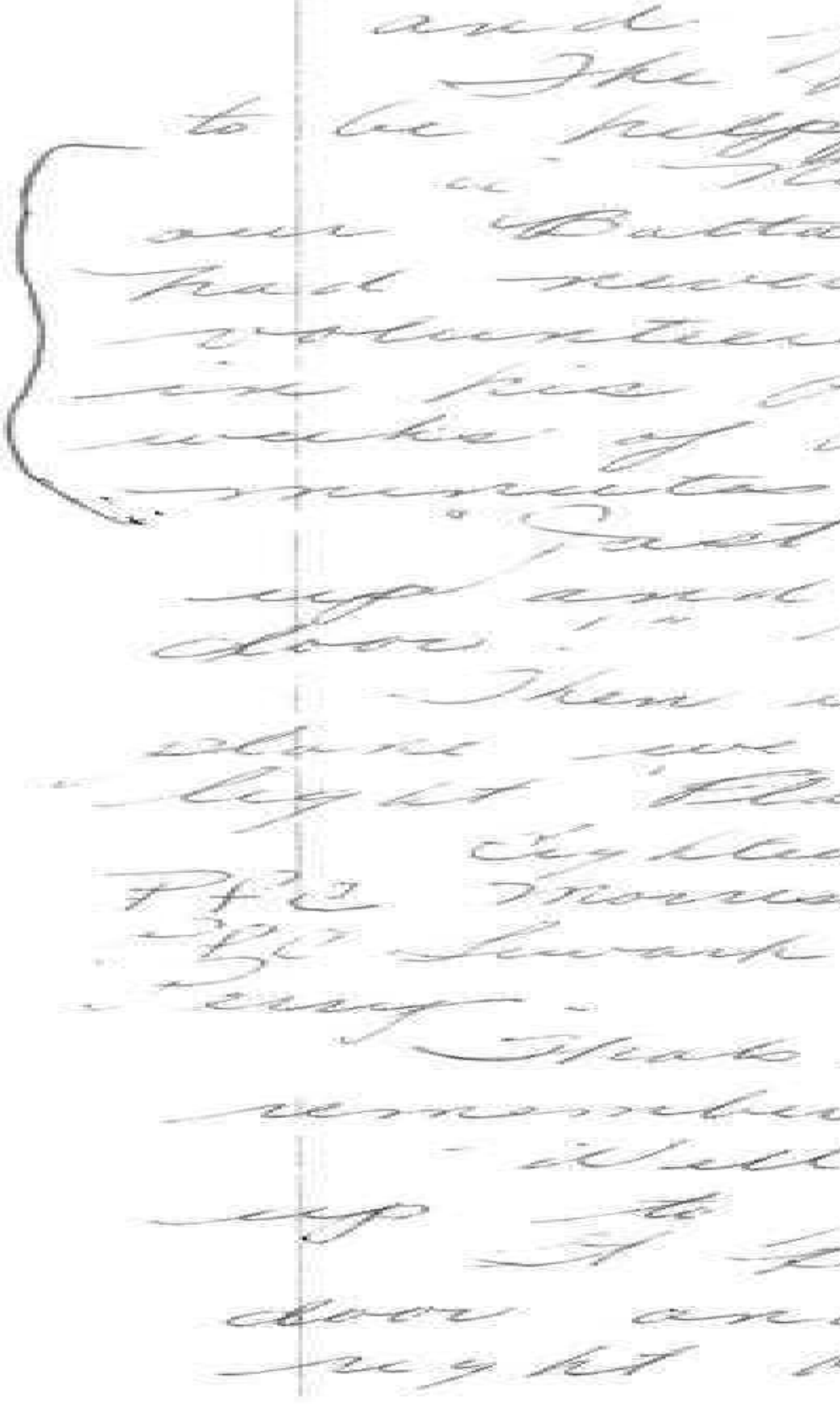

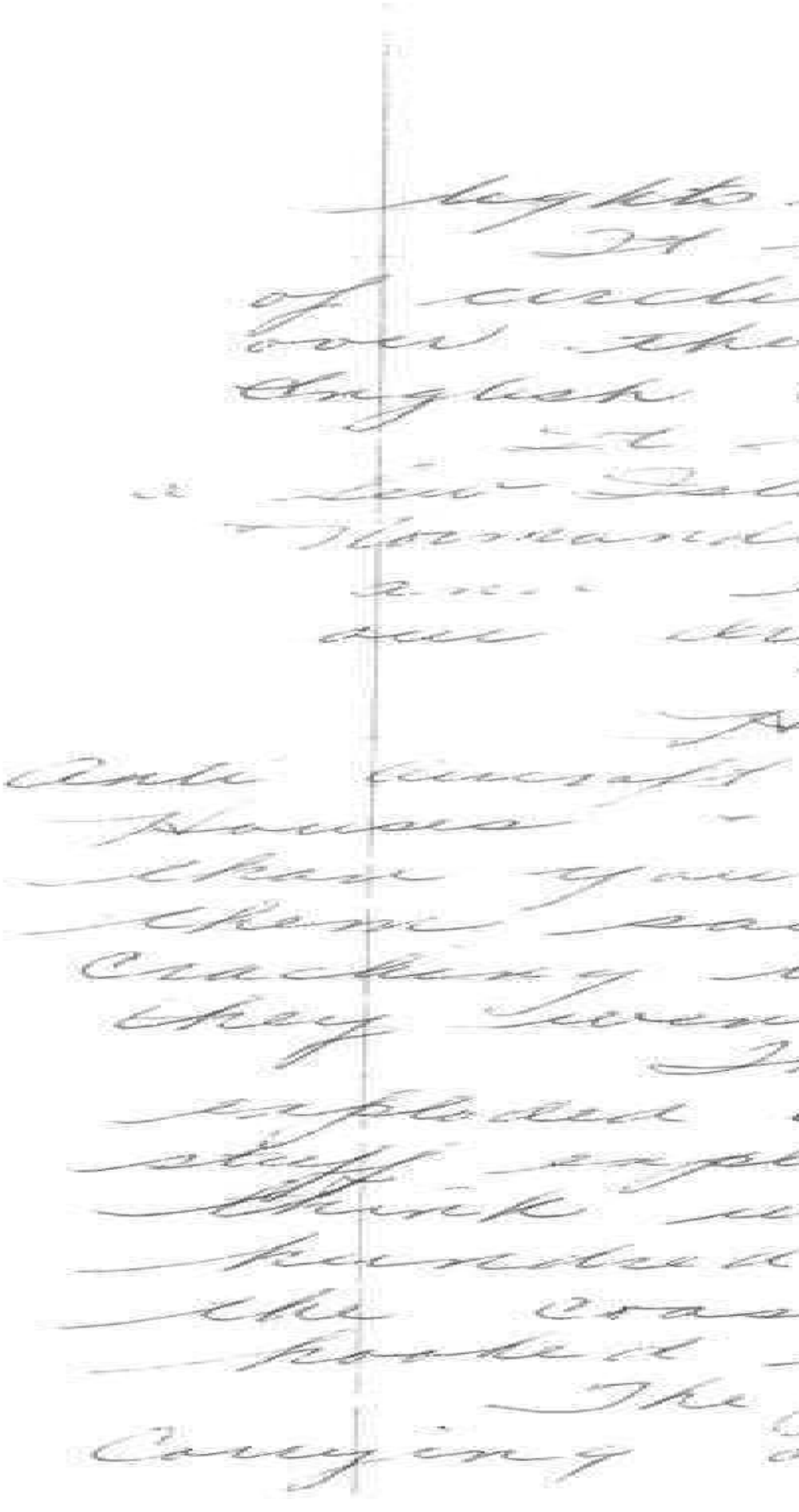

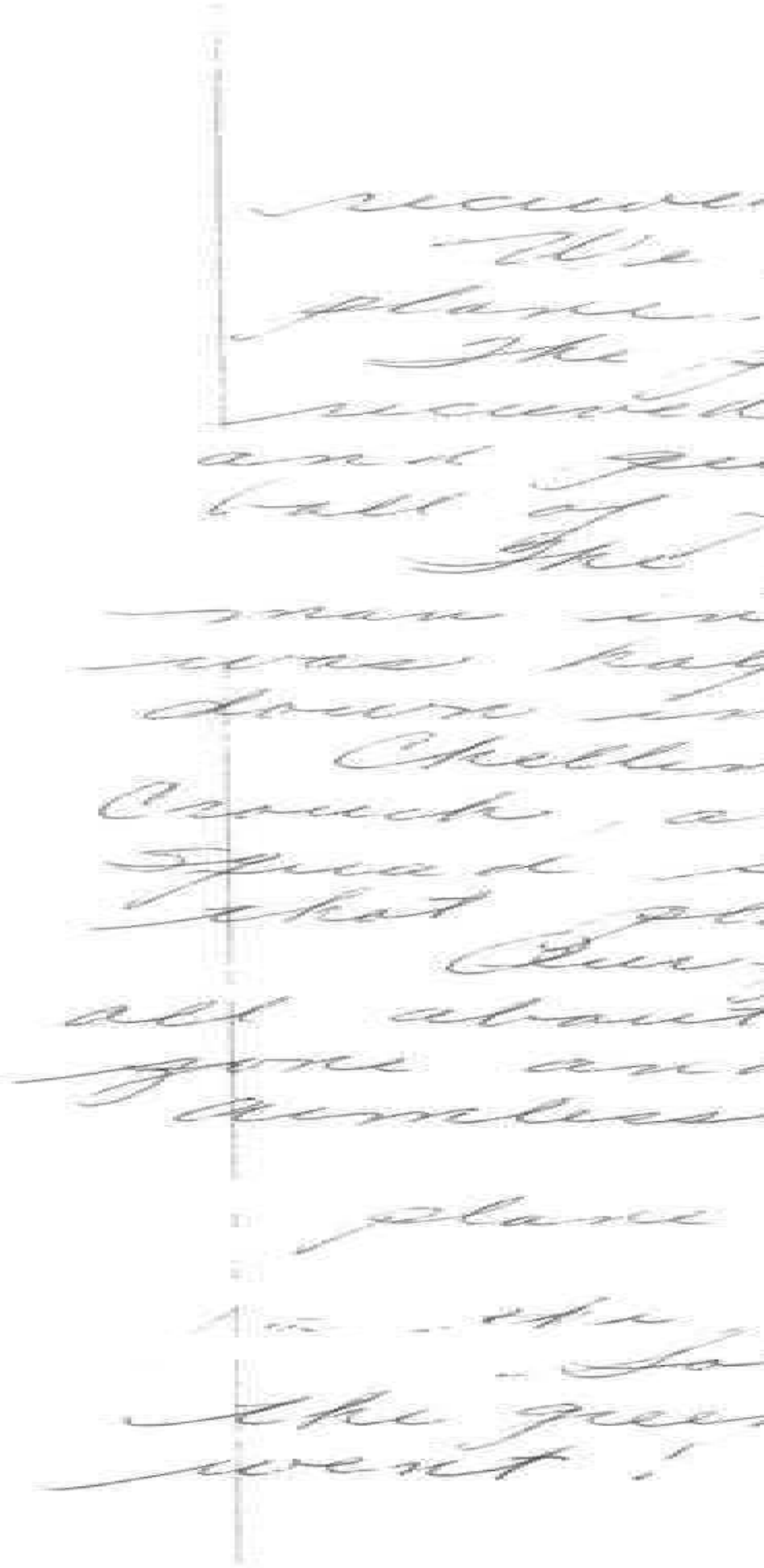

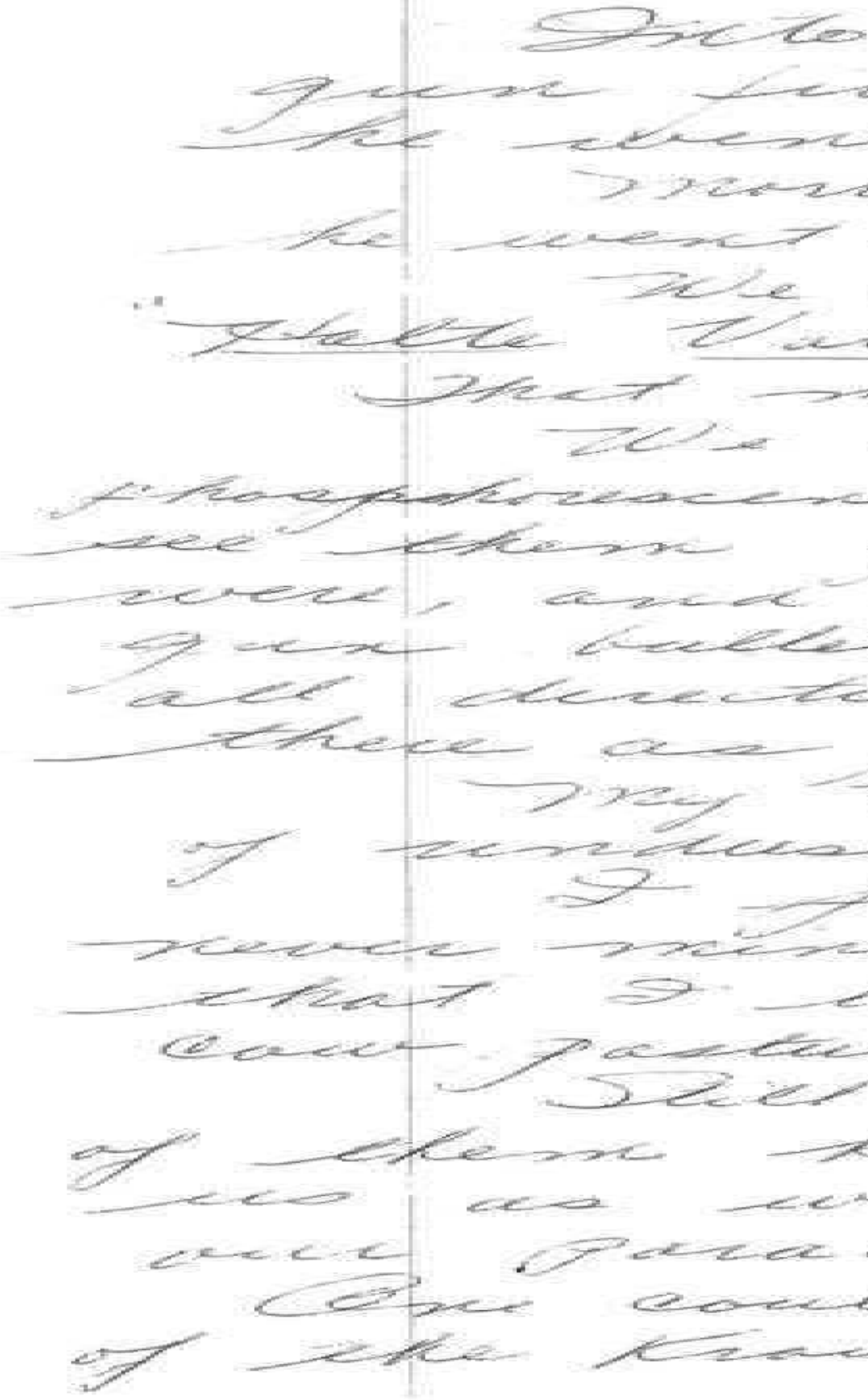

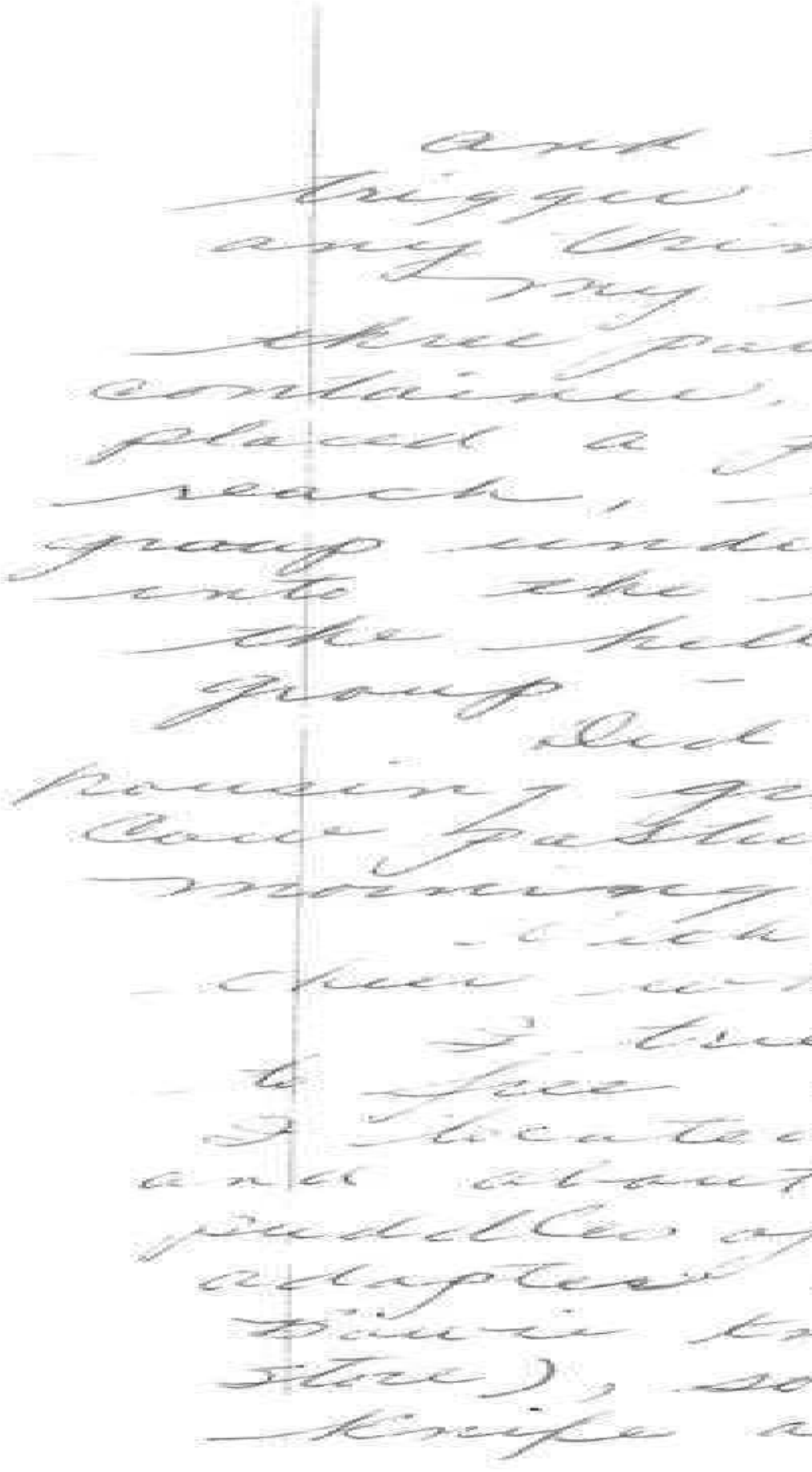

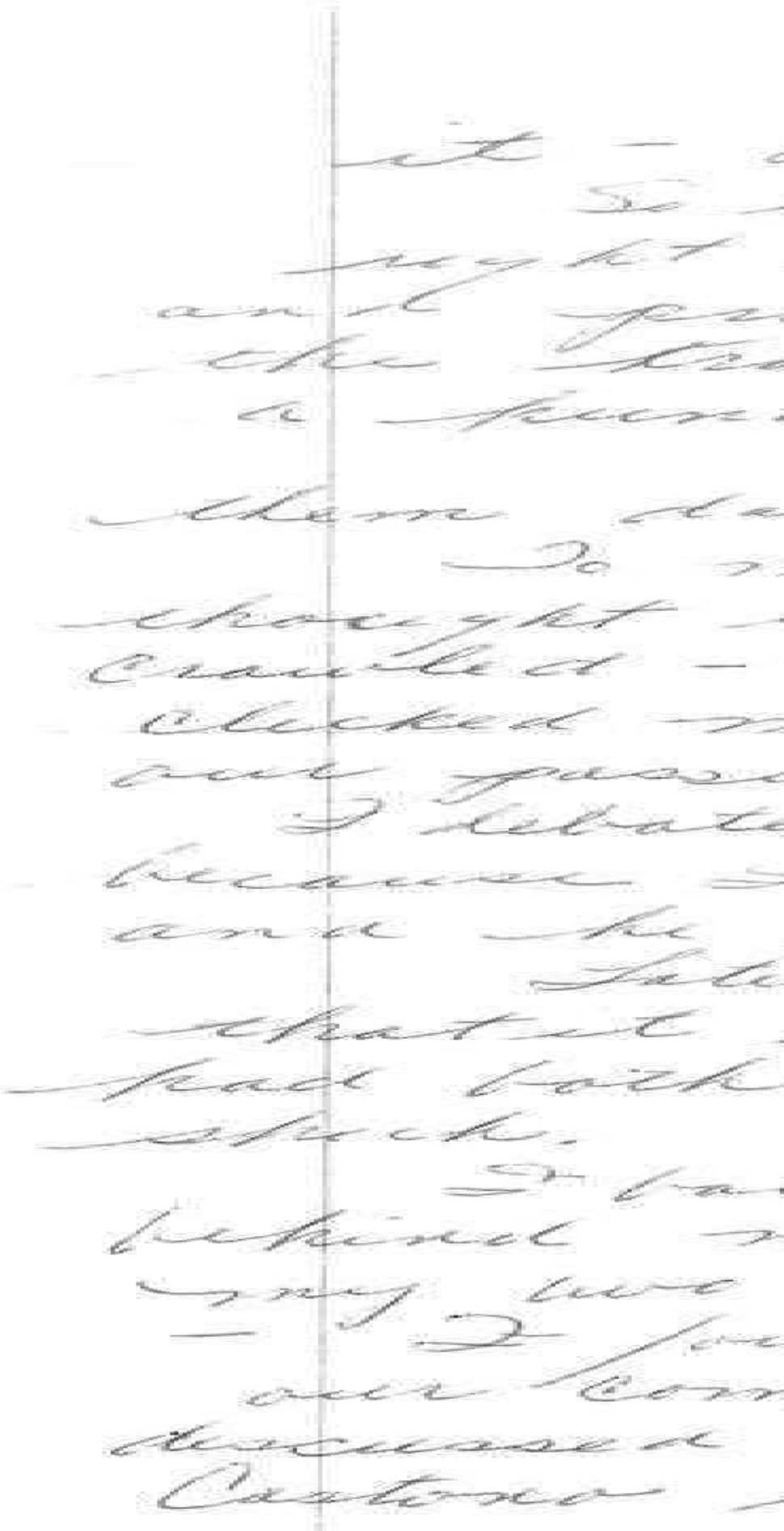

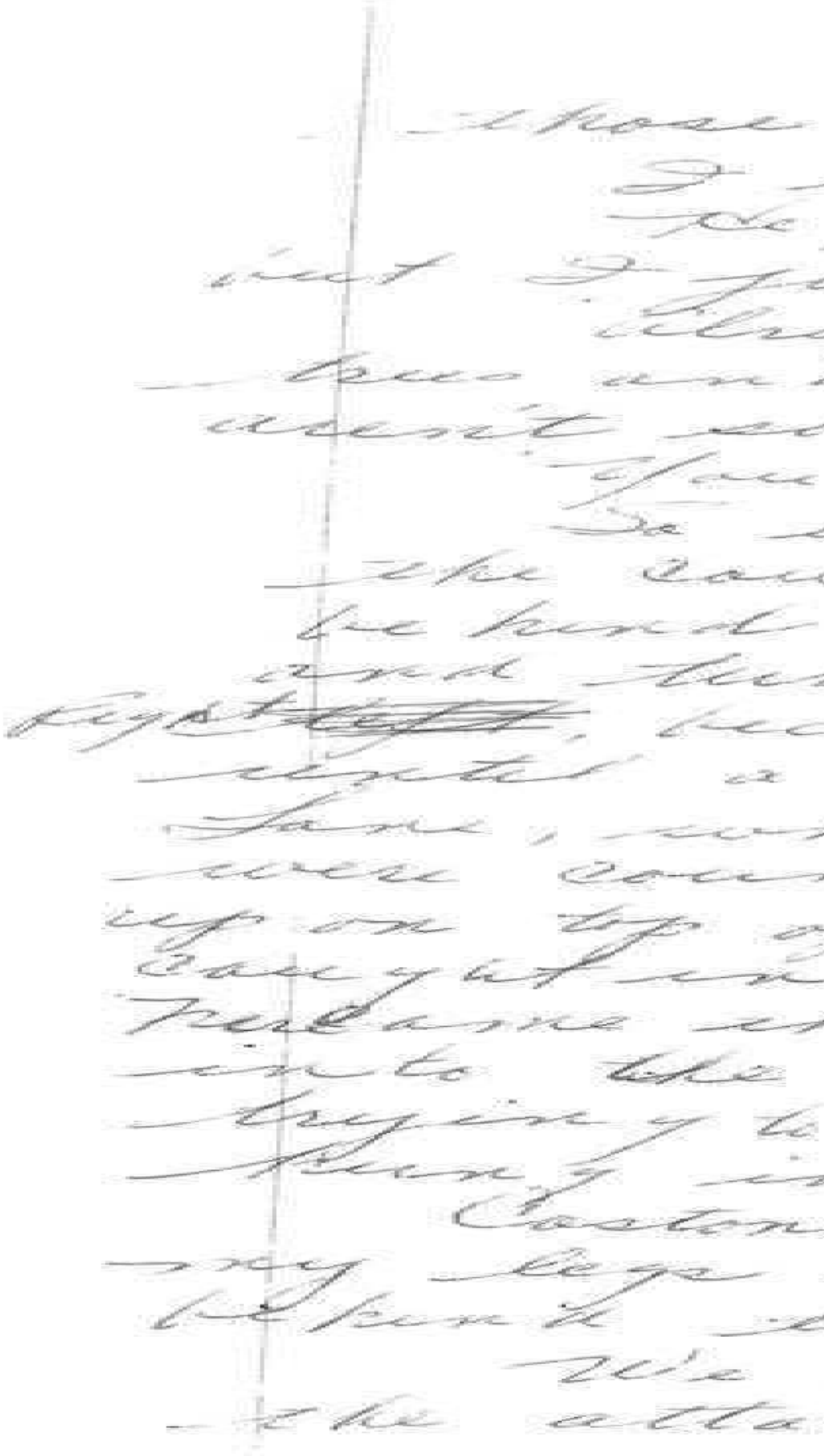

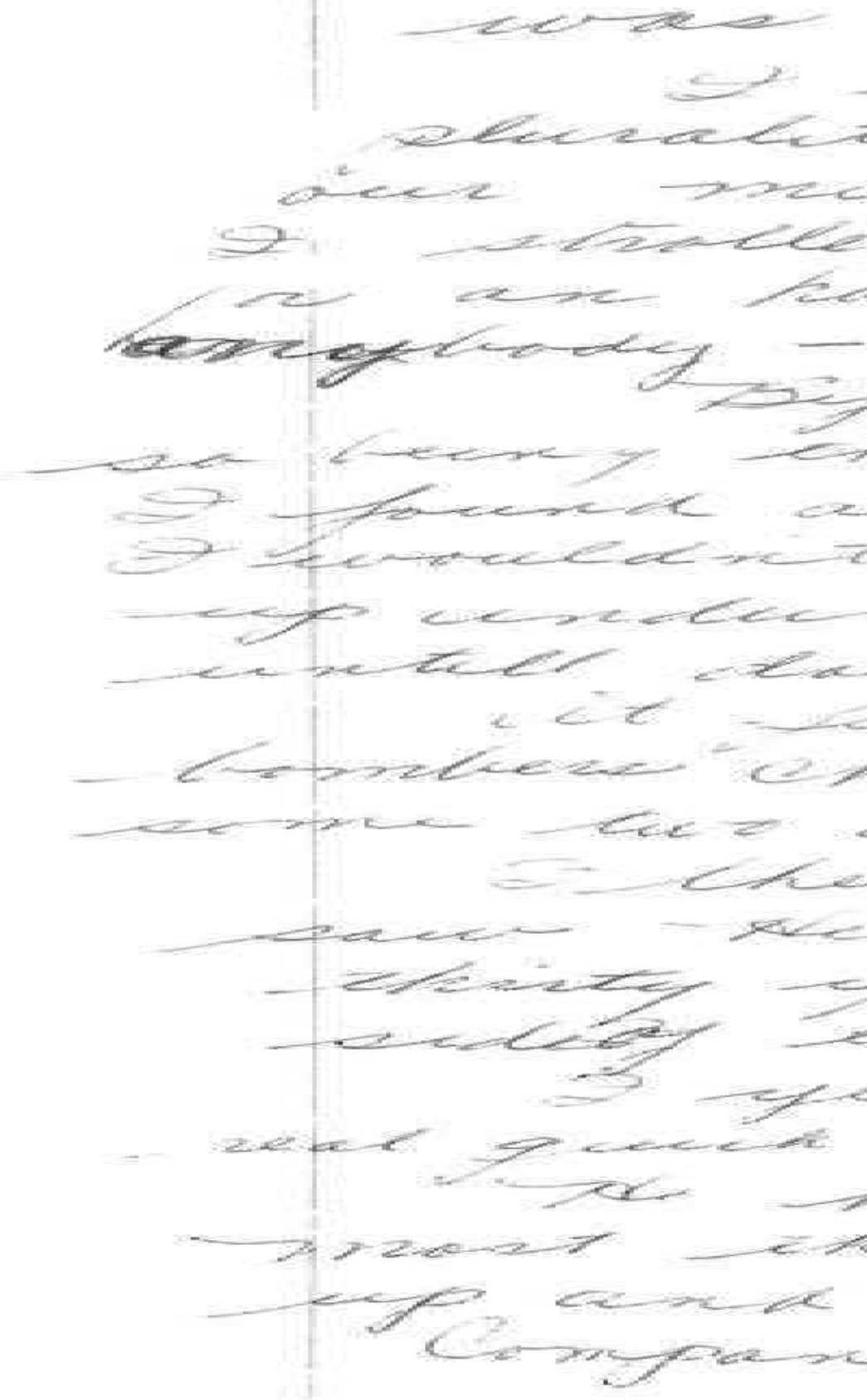

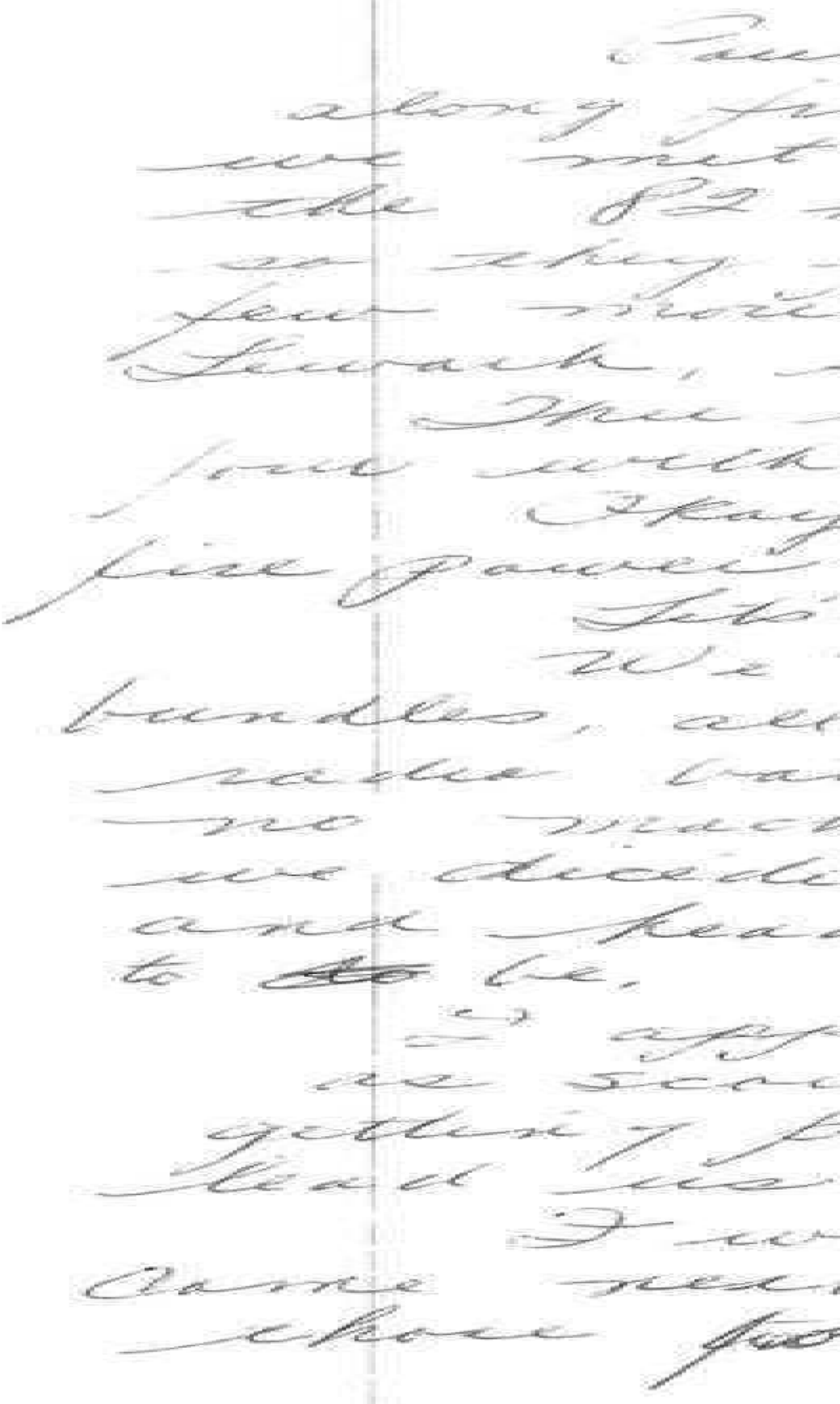

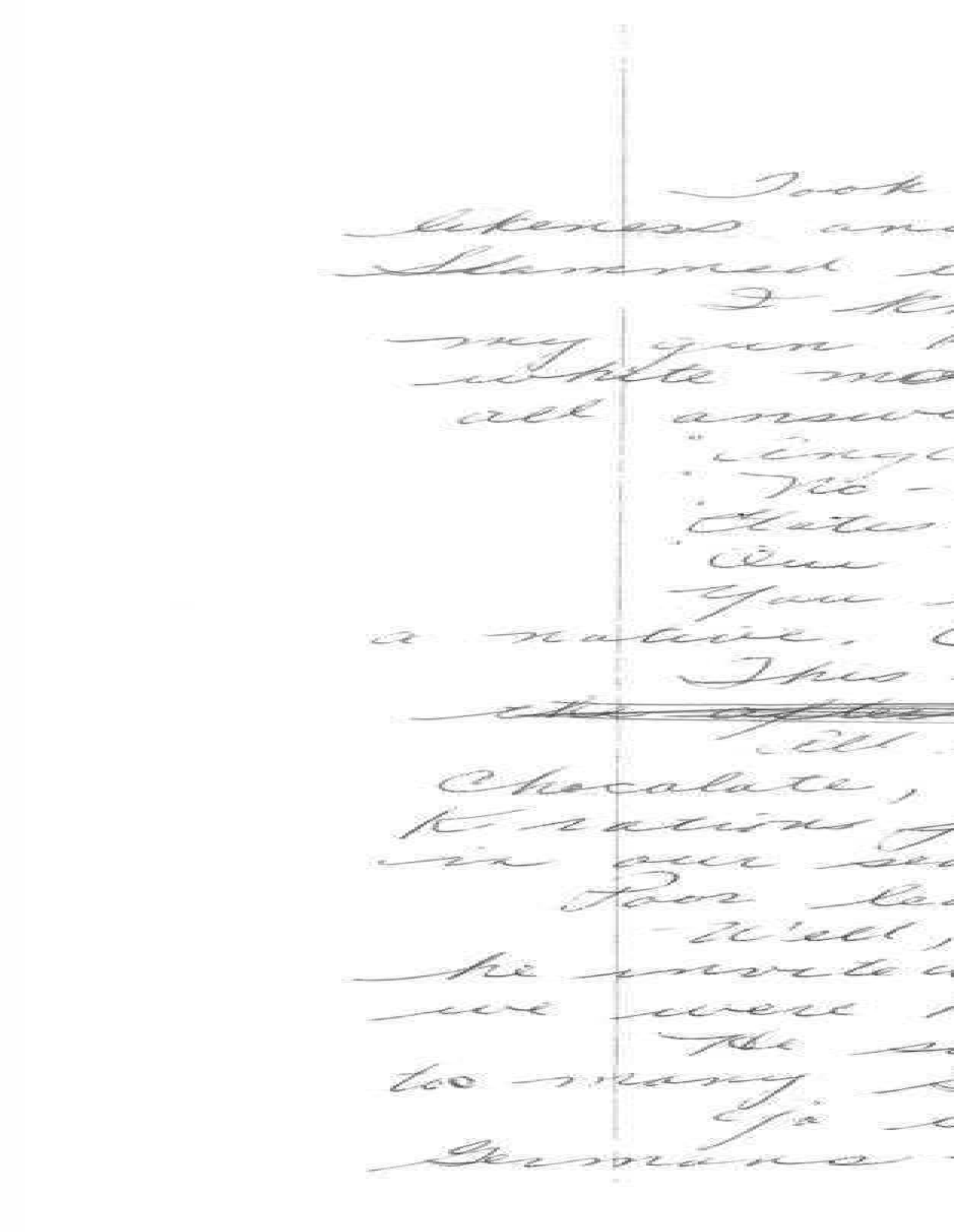

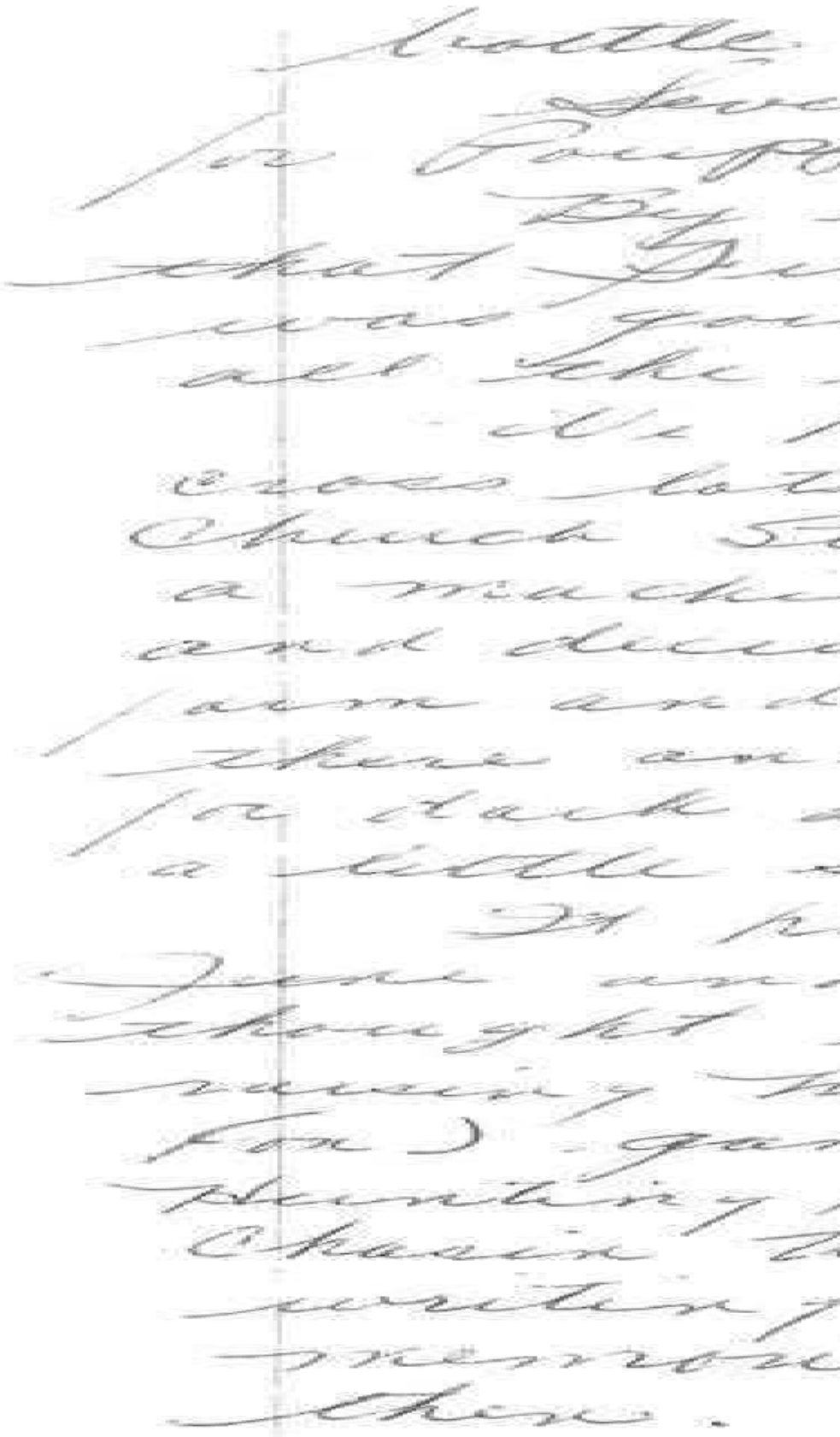

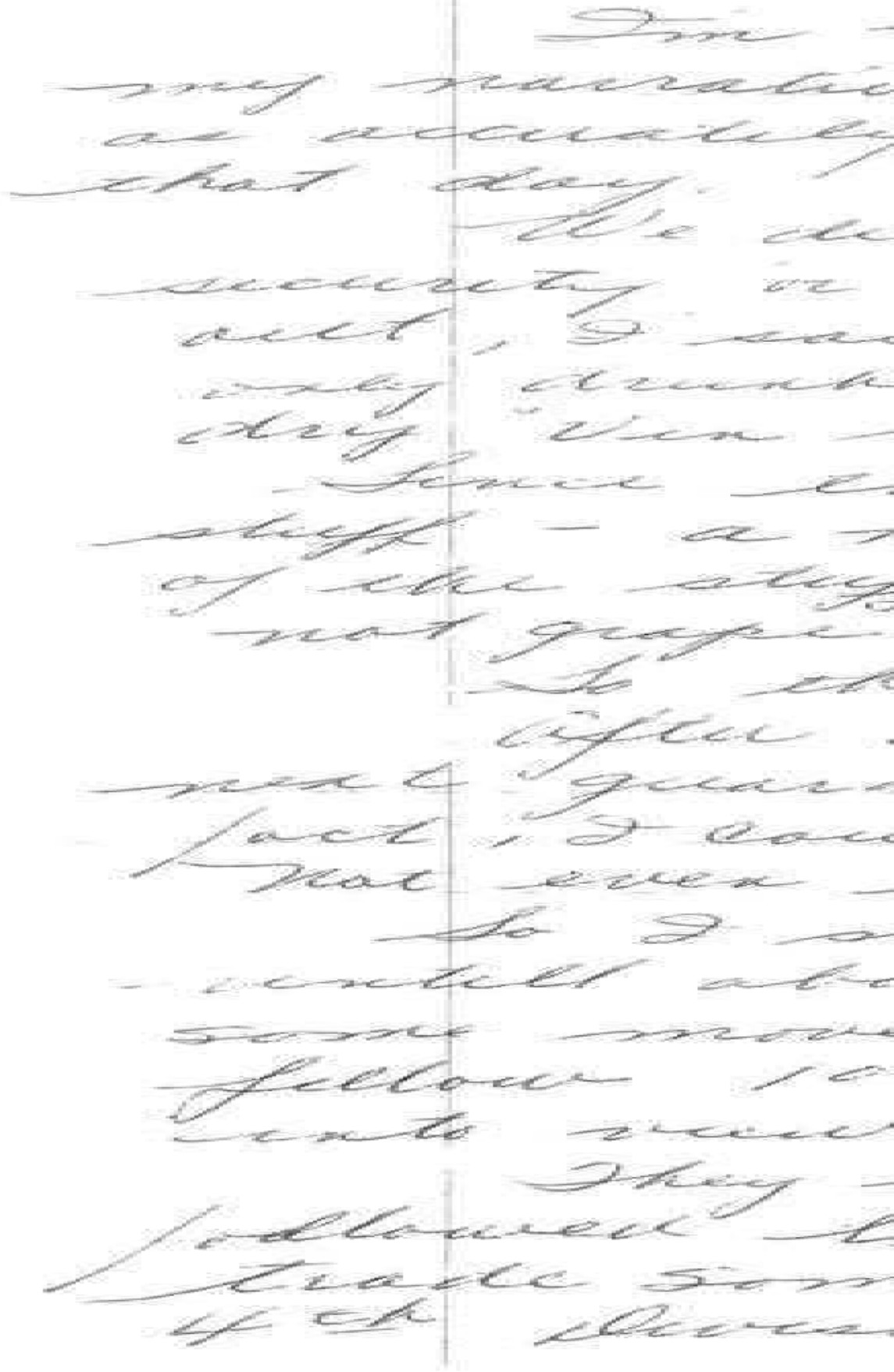

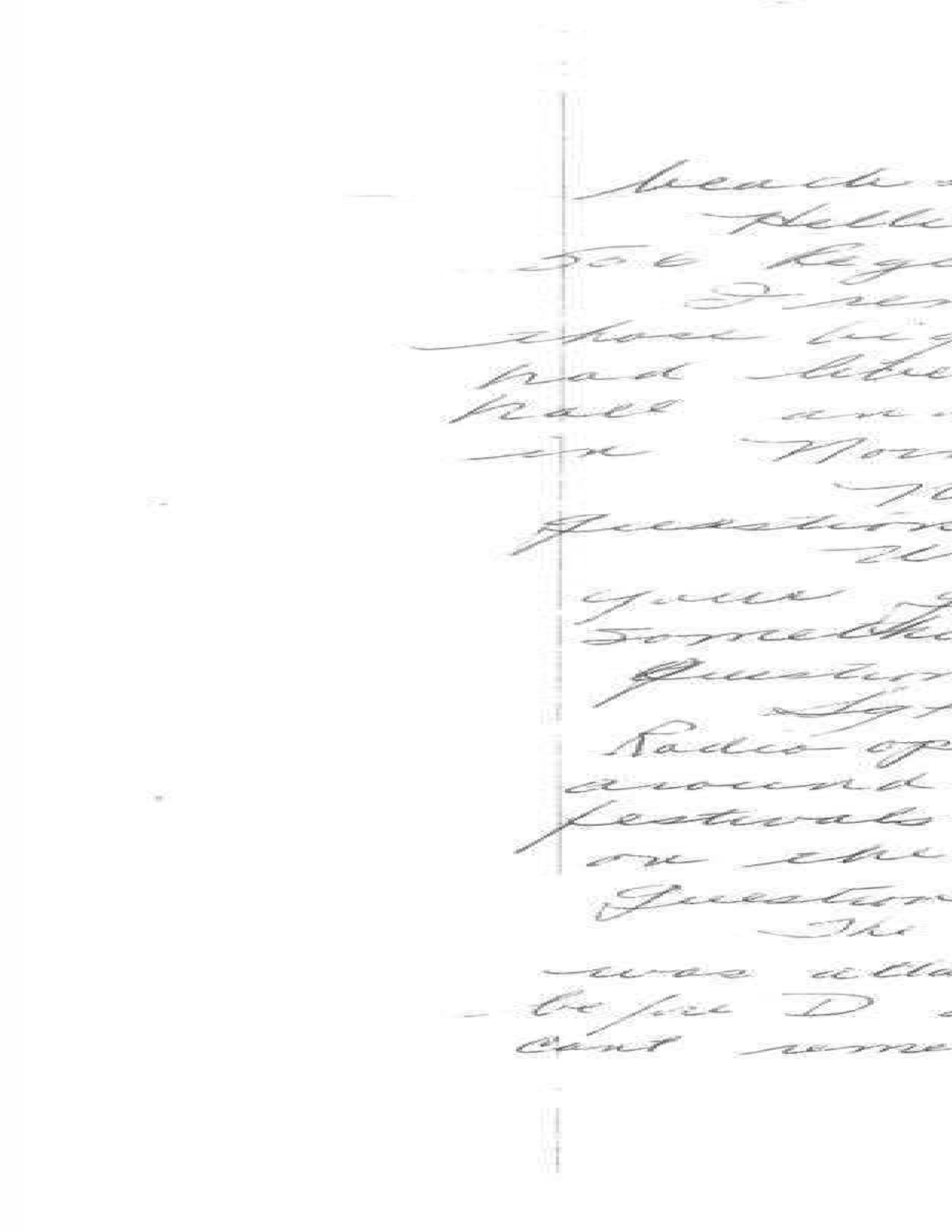

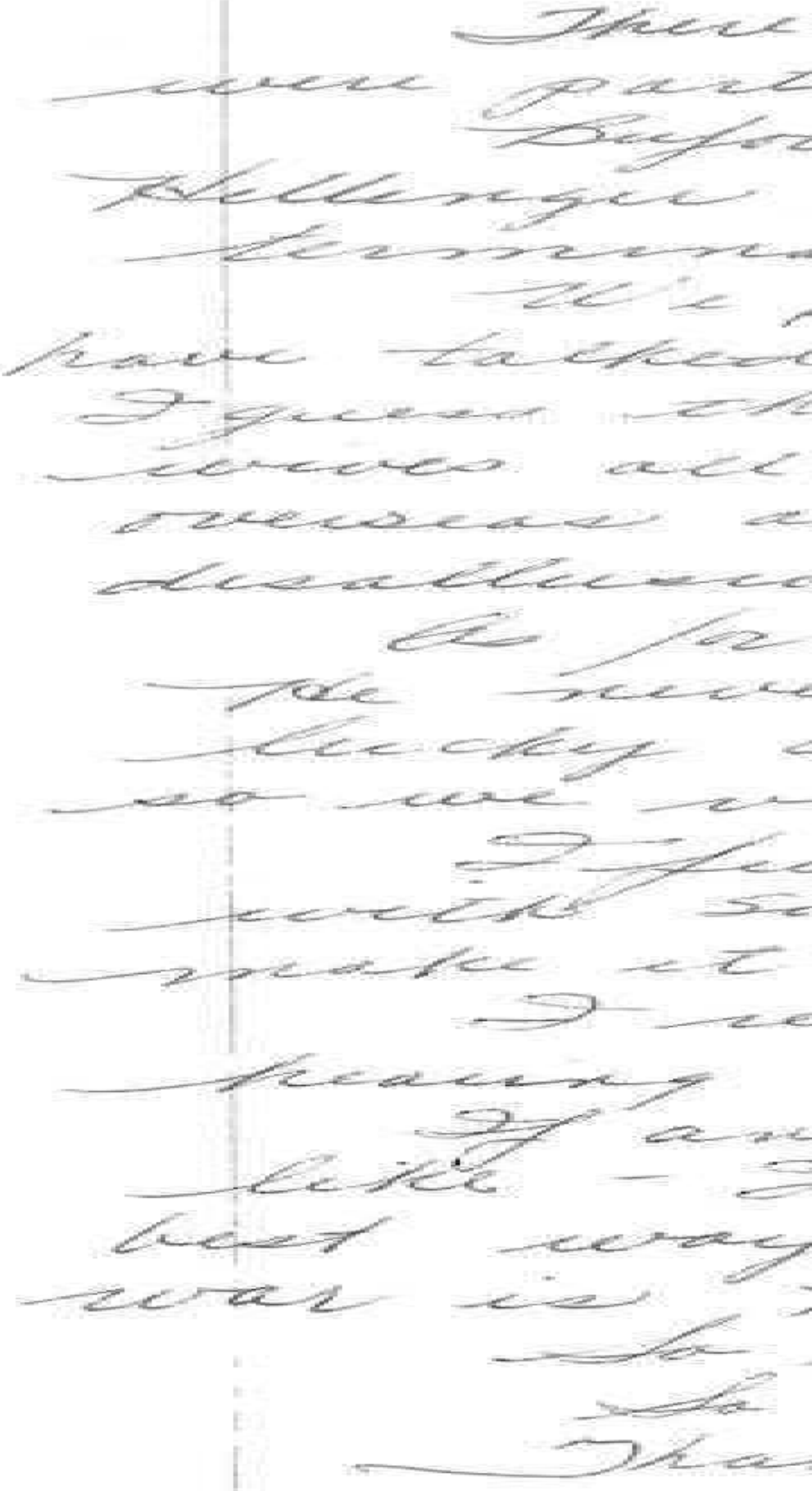

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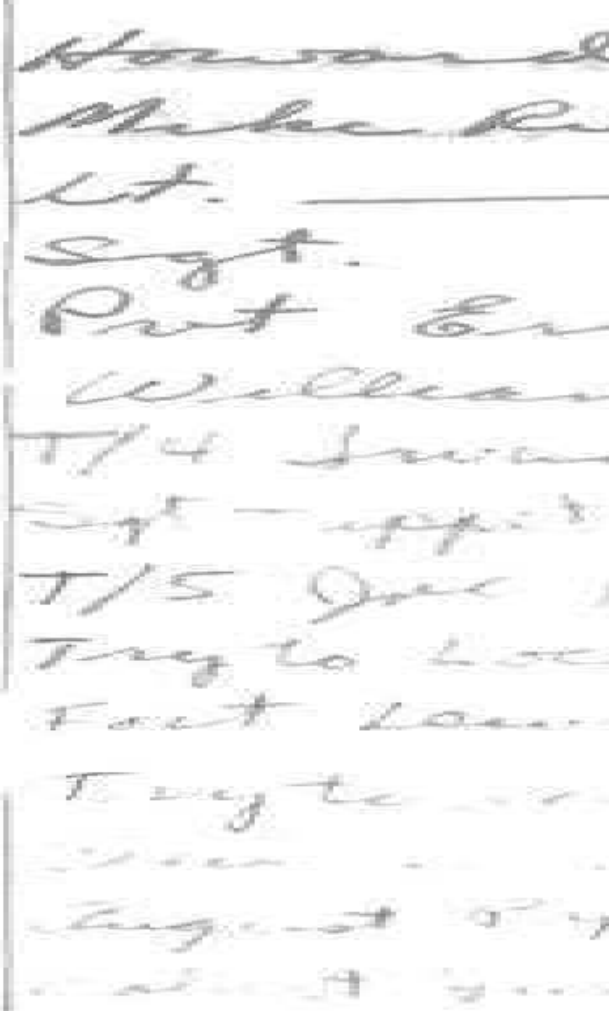

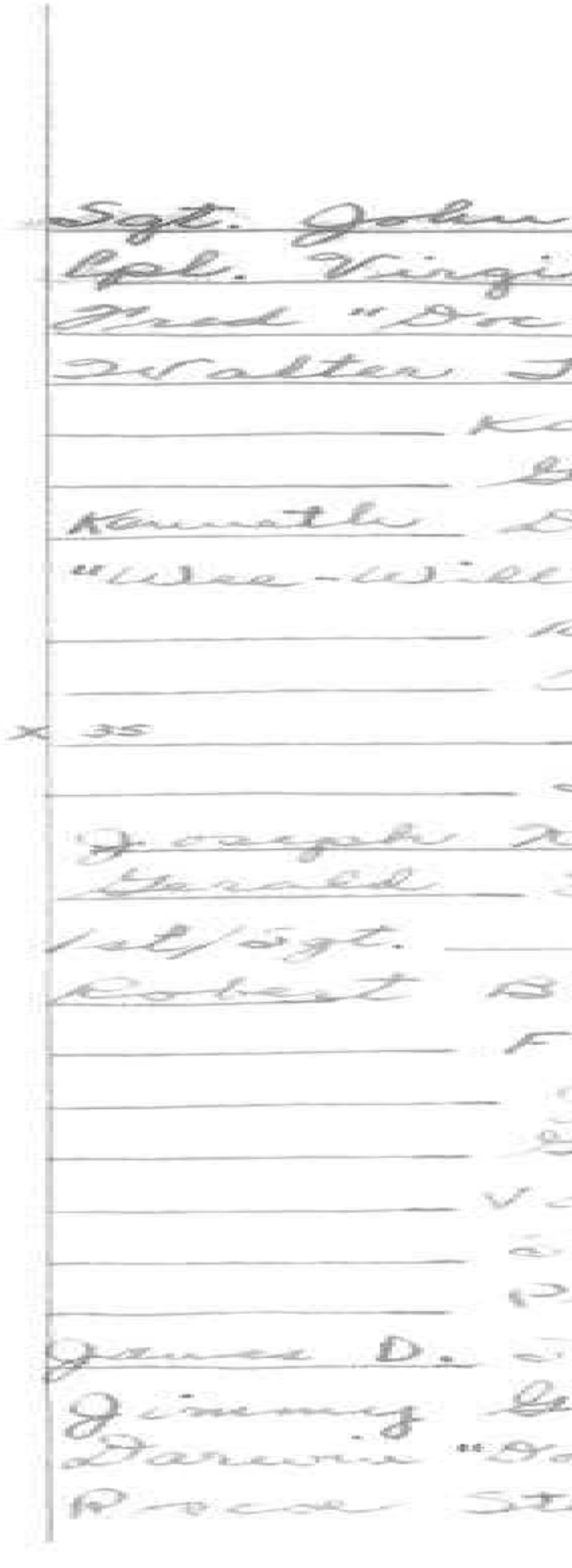

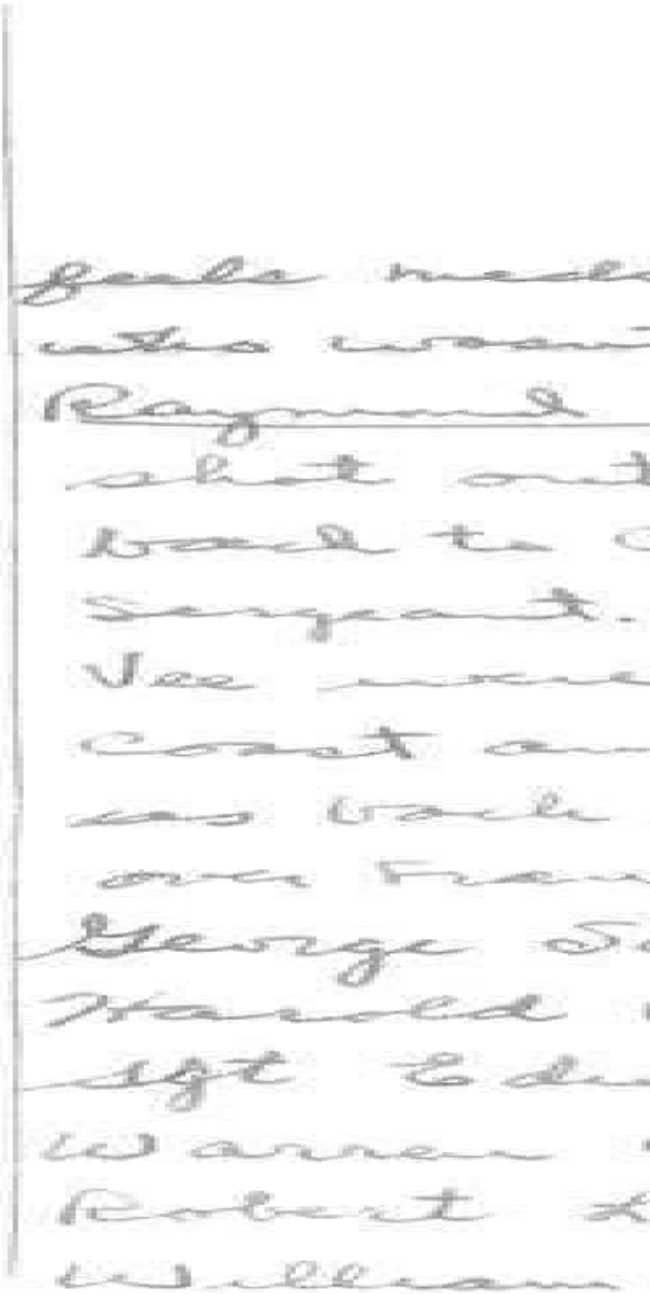

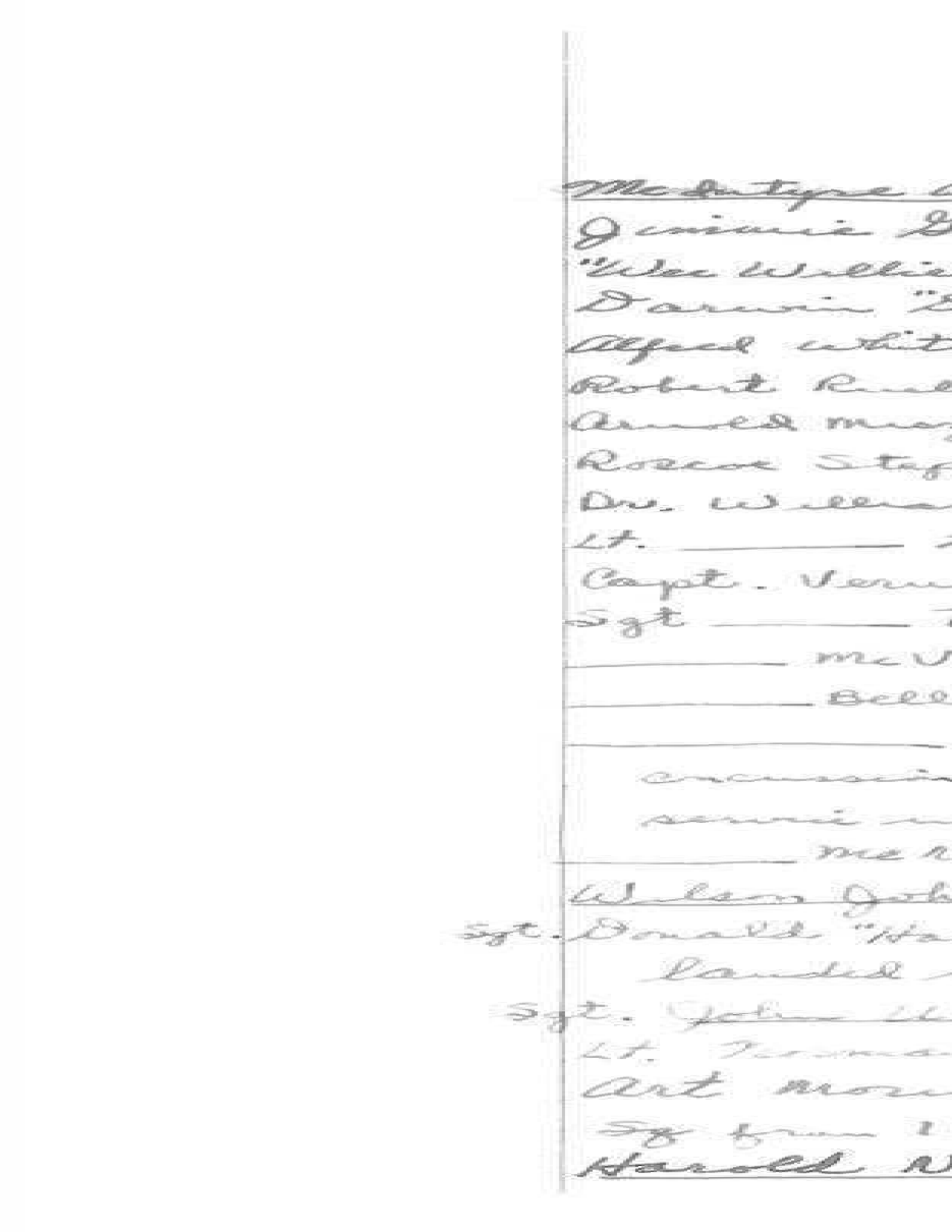

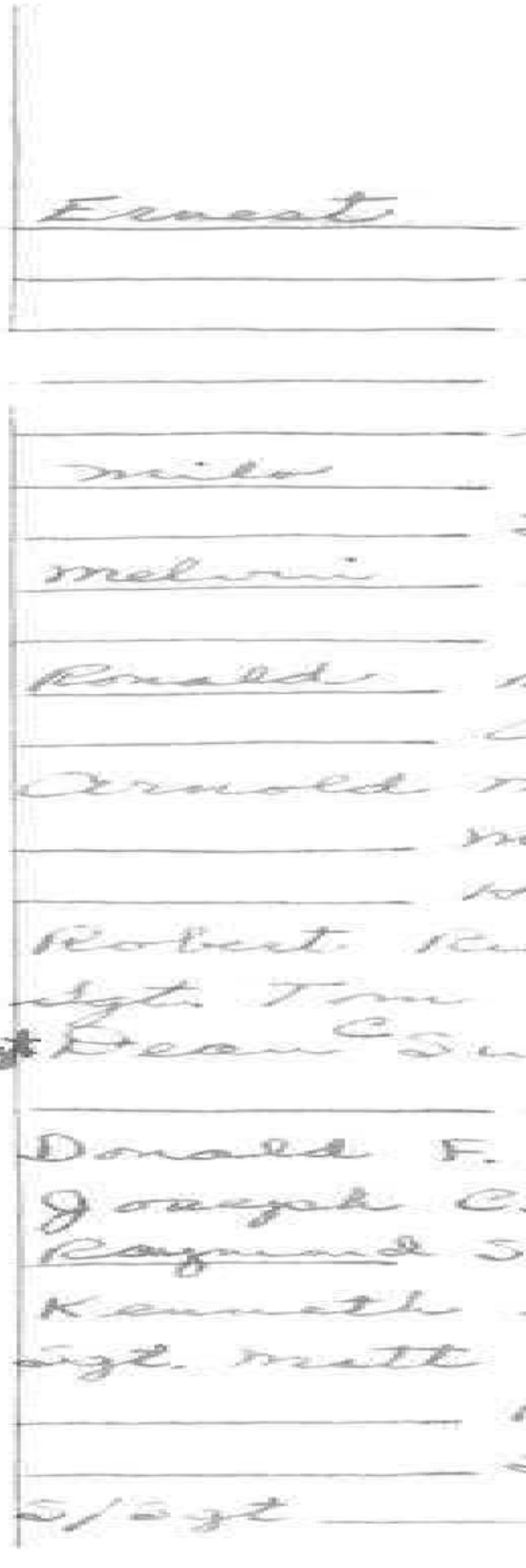

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Harold Holbrook
Pvt ____ Burn
Fred Crawley

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Sgt Irving Schmidt
Joe C. Garcia
Capt. Krueger

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Fred Crow
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George E. Koskimaki
13914 Edmore Drive
Detroit, Michigan 4

March 2, 1966

Mr. Donald R. Caste
6633 Fountaine Aven
Newark, California

Dear Mr. Castena:

Many thanks for you
come in yesterday's
the address for McI
my questionnaire ha

I will send you a l
copy of each letter
time to time). Hig
University of Michi
me to pick up seme
company. Secondly
the state Class A D
and game time is 7:
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As a former communi
report on Harold Hi
and if he was seen
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Luther Howlton is
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only knew which of
to contact them. S
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middle initial for

I'm sending you a c
Christmas menu at C
and you'll see much
sent you the first
he doesn't reside a
your letter it wasn
give that a try. K
not help me much wi

Again thank you mos

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e and I do want your

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I am eag

Here are the
first names
LT. HOWARD G
ROBERT BALDW
EDWARD V. GRA
KENNETH R. B
JOSEPH C. BURG
RAYMOND STANC
STEVEN J. C
SGT. TOM D.
KENNETH DU
RICHARD EV
MELVIN EDWA
GERALD FICO
RAYMOND GE
DONALD F. K
JAMES L. MC
ARNOLD M. S
ERNEST ROB
RONALD RAW
JAMES D. SAT
DEAN C. SW
JAMES WHITE
ART MORIN
ALOYSIUS F. RE

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OTHER TWO PLA
DOWN. SOME O
PLANE WAS HIT
PILOT ELECTED
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THE CHANNEL
AND ASKED IF
& JUMP. LT. BA
AND DROP US
FRANCE. WE
PARACHUTED UP

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1Lt. Mar
Sept 17

Subject: Translat

The following is
belonging to a lL
Germany. Military

17 Sept 44: Enemy
of proclamatio
towing gliders
Breda-Tilburg
car. Inscripti
hours.

18 Sept 44: Headq
crossing with
Flying very lo
Eindhoven and
Camp is in fla

19 Sept 44: Order
Sent twelve bo
for Ramadouk a
Changed clothi

20 Sept 44: We le
mine and was d
and Westomsen.

21 Sept 44: March
through Zuiste
1:00. Division
the front" wes

22 Sept 44: Cold
in towards the
working at nig
cold.

23 Sept 44: Day b
six wounded. B
talions arrive
parachutes. Fi
knocked down.
One killed and
bank tonight.
burning. S@ept

24 Sept 44: Plane
Rhine by day b
wounded.) Maj.
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site side of r

25 Sept 44: Straf
Got our 105 gu
from 2100 to 0

26 Sept 44: Confe
schmidt reliev

27 Sept 44: Relie
Morter shell w
Received heavy
Infantry estab

28 Sept 44: One m
quarters reser
Major Kuecking

29 Sept 44: We bu
tal commander,
is finished. U
tower. Receive
casualties.

30 Sept 44: Recei
direct hits in
on line. No re
have forgotten
man and Stuee
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in Jagdhuis. A
12 rubber boat
Goering Regime

1 Oct 44: Inspec
positions. Cro
on combat sect
behind the fac
requested. One

2 Oct 44: Receiv
artillery fire
barrage on OP
et 1430. Two h
Jagdhuis. Twen

3 Oct 44: Jagdhu
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4 Oct 44: We fin
starts at 0530
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stormy.

5 Oct 44: Everyb
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6 Oct 44: We hav
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We are alone on
There is no se

7 Oct 44: Froze d
artillery fire
ation is hopele
the dam was bur
from west. Bomb

8 Oct 44: Am digg
Receiving stron
is all used up.
artillery.

9 Oct 44: Washed
bridgehead unde
hole.

S/Sgt

"George--pleas
room on the post
"The incident
the Island. Phil
the 'C' Company
targets. They we
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story that (Fran
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men ahead to war
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"The address f
SN1 4NP. His bus
lands, Berkshire
"Please send m

We know the British Trawler owners
our C.P. as we can't
may ahead to warn them and

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1LT Eugene D.
Maxwell D. Taylo
carrying part of
plane were: Sgt
Thomas, Pvt John
Curtis, Pvt Star
PFC Charles W. E
Marvin Van Buski

The plene crew
Shafchik, Jr. as
S/Sgt Jack Farr

Erierre felt:
there were many

In actions aft
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wijk on D+3. 2nd
Cpl Kruger at po
of Eerde. On D+8
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in Scotland. Wen
patrol across ca

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has seen only
Daytona Beach, F

IN

NAME & Rank: 1LT Eugene D. Br

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/~~BATTA~~

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? yes
NORMANDY MISSION? Glider

(A) What was the mission of y
Key bridge in

(B) Did anything unusual happ

(C) Do you recall names of ot
glider?

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? _
Medic? _____

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? Very fe

(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during
outskirts of Ditt
Market early at
night attack on Sa
just right in by
of Ste Mere Eg
Henry Morton was
Lieut Jones and
packet into ambulan
from S.S. Like a
repeat of Brecke
Rattled. Went
Southeast across C

(I) What was your most harrow
branches of the Rhine Riv
D + S.

(J) Describe some of the ways
six-week sojourn on the i
yourself and others?)

(K) Do the actions of any ind
the Holland operation?
due) Cpt Bob

(L) In what way(s) were you a

(M) What is your most vivid m
while on a bre
Arnhem just to
from Belt in C

(N) Have you ever gone back t
yes. If yes, were you ab
were your friends during
Found me fri

(O) Describe briefly what you
World Tuler
y Law since

(P) Have you exchanged visits
yes If yes, name some of
Beverly, Ela,

FOR

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A/C No. (Tail No.)

Unit Number	Army Serial Number	Rank
1	0-444091	1st Lt
2	19164859	Sgt.
3	19186330	Sgt.
	18170181	Pvt.
	34824967	Pvt.
	36280173	Pvt.
	32747500	Pvt.
	38536057	Pvt.
	35526109	Pvt.
	36280863	Pvt.
	35726994	Pfc.
	34409909	Pfc.
	36621942	Pfc.
	39196794	Pvt.
15	35767050	Pvt.
16	42051563	Pvt.
17		
18		
19		
20		

Unit No.	Type	Contents
6	A-5	8 Boxes
		Tripod
5	A-5	1 Bipod
4		LMG
3		8 LMG
2		
1		

Inspection completed:

FOR

Sgt J

Jim Cain reper
in the Normandy i
bridgeheads and h

On the flight
shells hit our pl

On beard his p
1st platoon. Fran
aide.

"A Company was
was a large churc
'church'. I had a
down. Other than
was to have some
my BAR. I soon he
around. About six
5 PM some of our
elevated railroad
some stayed with
on lecation of Ge

"We were conti
member is we were
rode shotgun on e
to destination. W
the area. We were
would explode on
There was also ho
casualties they c
by the 88 fire mo

The island exp
British airborne
bodies for booby

Creature comfo
and in. In some c
and stoves (venti

"I remember th
and assisting and

also alerting us
--especially the
Most vivid me
towns. Also the
C-47s getting sh
Some thoughts
roster. He is Mo
my foxhole buddy
was very good on
quietly in the w
I remember being
relieving us.
"We had a guy
mission. Could t
"There was on
Eddie Monteya wh
He was a very go
"Frank H. Whi
same Whiting who
in France. I tes
learned that he
rehabilitated ba
was on business
Statesville, NC
For good Holl
to Piet Van Riel
My wife and I
Piet was one of
He was playing o
He has made the
fahher's windmil
101st lookouts i

→Sept '45

IN

NAME & Rank: (Sgt) James S. C

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? No
NORMANDY MISSION? _____

(A) What was the mission of
the Hedgeheads + S

(B) Did anything unusual hap
parachute (was grabbed Sweet M

(C) Do you recall names of o
glider? Lt Strack + Ss

(D) Who was in charge of the

(E) Who was your (company) bat
Pleto

(F) Who was first sergeant? _____
Medic? _____

(G) What recollections do yo
this mission? I was B.A.R. Ass't
Sgt. Lt Ward Beuret Two
shoot me before I do. Ne
and key strike [illegible]
master. Disc [illegible] gone
in eleven Rabbit legs. Jack
us in our foxholes. They

(use additional space if ne

(H) Much action took place b
island between the two bran
memorable experiences durin
flew one four Ton
over to help SOE clos
the Fender (no lights)
was turned. Ammun
(SOFT PAKS) to Three
Tanks + Reinforced
Fighting. I remem
I was very close
St Laize. more Th

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri
British Airborne (
British Bodies for Bo

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) De
(A Some of those
stores (ventilated of C

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Hollend operation?
due)

(L) In what way(s) were you
Remember Arn being
what it's coming
attacks. The eagles

(M) What is your most vivid
Recapturing Son
Landing, Also
getting Shot do

(N) Have you ever gone back
Yes. If yes, were you a
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what yo
[redacted] Church
in N.J., Also in
have graduated

(P) Have you exchanged visit
Yes If Yes, name some of
visited me in Mckee
Have also w
pring for mem

So

DEAR GEORGE

There's one

is Morris Bull

He was my fox-ho

on the Island. H

taught me a lot

He was elder

remember being w

Canadian unit

We had a gu

Battlefield Ba

listed in Rest

Next was

Leonard Madrid

Jump — Everyone

Trooper, and as

Frank N. Wa

(White Tex) That

France, fall o

was Ric Reader.

in Army Prison

Back into Army

on business Trip

J.'s home in St

PAT LINDSAY

WAS A

TANGLED before

WAR WINS over he

AT ORLE FIELD, P

VOLUNTEERED FOR

See he PASSED

TROOPERS I R

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ROMAN

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H.S B

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"SECURITY INFO"

ALSO THE M

WOODEN SHOES

A Little (?
Bastogne)

Lt. Gibson
After Norman
was called
Normandy we

For good
general Hec

My wife
in Septem
of Verde
He was
when Re
Holland Jum
his fathers
by Germa
white hind

Sgt Wesley Ba
fusion while the
He remembers
in his stick wer
McClain and Bill
Stachs, his plat
1st Sgt. and PFC
Recalling the
my chute when we
the water."
For memorable
the most memorab
attacked positio
them. I knew ha
killed. The Germ
up."
On the island
patrol with Lt.
German grenade h
was the end of t
Bates had hig
killed in later

NAME & Rank: Sgt

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BAT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (AP
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION?

the Jump in Holl

(A) What was the mission of
To Secure

(B) Did anything unusual ha
We Were

(C) Do you recall names of
glider? Myers -
Gabler

(D) Who was in charge of th

(E) Who was your company/ba
Plat

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic?

(G) What recollections do y
this mission? Che
of My Unit
missed and
later

(use additional space if n

(H) Much action took place
island between the two bra
memorable experiences duri
The Battle
(3 pictures & c.o.)
I knew were
Hedy, published
up a white flag

(I) What was your most harr
branches of the Rhine R
up to the is
Mess Billy D
a Bernard
Shoulder ke

(J) Describe some of the wa
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) ___

(K) Do the actions of any i
the Holland operation?
due) "Doc" Mur
A Co.

(L) In what way(s) were you

(M) What is your most vivid
Battle of

(N) Have you ever gone back
No. If yes, were you
were your friends durin

(O) Describe briefly what y
Nothing
Carnation

(P) Have you exchanged visi
No. If Yes, name some o
Belgians

...ties of the Rhine R...

(J) Describe some of the way... six-week sojourn on the ... yourself and others?)____

(K) Do the actions of any in... the Holland operation? _... due) _____

(L) In what way(s) were you ...

(M) What is your most vivid ...

(N) Have you ever gone back ... _____. If yes, were you a... were your friends during...

(O) Describe briefly what yo...

(P) Have you exchanged visit... _____ If Yes, name some of...

D

NAME & Rank: T/Sgt Frank Se

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BAT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (AP
NORMANDY INVASION? YES
NORMANDY MISSION? Normandy
Holland: Smoke - Hotfie

(A) What was the mission of
To Capture Hwy + Re
Defend Bridge 11 o

(B) Did anything unusual ha
Nature of our Fligh

(C) Do you recall names of
glider? _____

(D) Who was in charge of th

(E) Who was your company/ba
Plat

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic? _____

(G) What recollections do y
this mission? _____

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(H) Much action took place
island between the two bra
memorable experiences duri

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NAME Sumpter Blackm

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATTE

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? Yes

D2 Each Place.

(A) What was the mission of y
Take And Hold
at Vechel.

(B) Did anything unusual happ
But Standing in The
waiting No Engage

(C) Do you recall names of ot
glider? Jack R
Bruce Fess,

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
A St ACH Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? A
Will Know) Medic? R. Sa

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? Beautiful
Some Left T
At Vechel on T
And Found the
Waiting For th
Treetop. 1st L
(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during
action that
when the 1st B
Vechel he was
with Destroyed
machine gun
description
The most ab
took place
west of Eerd
underneath

heavy terrain
this barrage took

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri
between B+C Co. alon
the British trouble
our bitterest fightin
captured 65. between

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) E
the Right Beet Ba
to Let. on th

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation? L
due) Kick Dermedy
(SS) for I feel To
Better Mamedan

(L) In what way(s) were you
can help. Do
That was Day
affect. he was a

(M) What is your most vivid
at the
help of the

(N) Have you ever gone back
Yes. If yes, were you e
were your friends during
a couple of
5 years ago.

(O) Describe briefly what yo
Recently Sc
Fifty States - C
Sister-in-law, Ge

(P) Have you exchanged visit
Yes If Yes, name some of
Wes Bates - Bill Sever - H
Sally Styer - B. Barbour - S.
Eberwein - A. Gallagher
Mikset - E. Fezzet - F. Sa
Dr. James Beaman

As executive
he dropped about
Normandy and Holl
pered with the sc
hold the railroad
"It was a bea
us fly right past
following were in
Fekete, Bruce Pes
Holland. H.W.O. K
Smith and Harbaug
"Beautiful la
the battalion and
arrived 1½ to 2 h
bridges and waiti
Battalion outpost
"The best pla
the 1st Bn. under
described in RWD,
over all this is
most skilled and
west of Eerde. He
mission impossibl
"As for the I
operating between
patrol was giving
some of our bitte
25 to 30 and capt
heavy German barr
barrage took two
As for increa
tors'. They could
to hit. On the di
"I remember S
of three duds (88
manned an MG and
sand dunes at Eer

There was a I
Do you have a rif
and a jacket. He
the dike.

Blackmon's mo
of the paratroope

Going back to
churches at Eerde
helped me forty y

"We lost four
plane. I believe
of any others. It
the DZ. We were s
Veghel. We were t
landed where we w
and run to the br
men--Colonel Kinn
of men. We arrive
down on the objec
we ever got there
eight miles away.
were not marked b
As the first wave
received was as w
The British ar
tell the American
high ground and n
going to figure o
the mind of an Am
He is a kinda rec
before he started
moving right away
they just keep fi
felt if we had bu
holes while we ra
On the Island
the ditches. Path
the ditches. So w
on the other side
protected us. The
been shot off. Wa
(Did you take
your territory?)
any other place i
step on a mine an
after we had been

Loies from Chicag
pick out the good
out the best one.
of the dike. We l
is much better th
with a '45 booby
them hung over a
so good that Colo
up there in those
send his driver o
"We found eggs
--not like hard-b
and you could fry
"The only real
Sims. He came rig
guided that patro
believe it could
through the Germa
in three trips ea
"Francis Harba
when it came to t
come hell or high
(Sumpter Black
to the families o
"I felt everyone
knew those men so
something about t
Sgt Leonard A. Da

(Picking up bodies wi
the British. The driv
because there were so
firing. So I got in t
turned around in the
face to get back on t
noticed when we got r
Arnhem that when I go
So they had taken ove
drove the way the par
truck one of the best
teed off with the Bri
us with barrages we r
to relieve the Britis
two rounds) They were
kinda "cowboy" shoote
remember well in Norm
75's--they kept firin
they could load them
while the Americans w
quite a bit different
but the British wante
darned sure they coul
minutes. If our missi
hold it would come la
got out of those truc
and said, "Go get em
I noticed he went on
what did he tell you.
best soldiers in the
anything could have s
and we were personall
some officer who had
relieveing and replac
Company was down righ
from Nijmegan to Arnh
out down the dike tow

The 506th was at Drie
E Companies down to r
was a small patrol do
him how big a patrol
many, and I asked him
and the next day we w
165 German prisoners of
also mentioned that h
front of the men as t
there. It was just be
in any artillery fire
connect with C Compan
and we had four or fi
and put them near the
flank of the enemy wh
all the way across th
that those machine gu
field. towards the en
We were able to keep
through the apple orc
we were able to set o
a mortar without a ba
that I dropped in the
so deeply that it bur
burned it real badly.
ahead of our troops--
to get the German exc
an experience I had.
They'd left a German
the time we got to th
Germans were going do
was firing right down
but I guess about ten
firing straight up in
"They're not up there
fanny. (I had a nice
and Henry Puhalski wa
the Germans had arais
up and the Germans cu
fighting on the right

out of Vechel and his
flags up in front of
shot, The bullet went
out of his back. This
If a men stood up, we

C Company was on t
guided--when we moved
felt should be moved
up anymore. we'd be o
worked out beautifull
C Company had moved o
and the entire compar
of men. The next morn
there. In this group
Alot of them were air
been shooting our tro
men. They kept marchi
or two paratroopers n

(The American flag
were there and we had
We had moved into Ger
to the west were some
20 feet high and tree
the canals. There wer
there for some time a
look down our throats
with Captain Stach. W
whole side of that ho
heads and threw all o
area at least one day
move them out because

The best text book
Dinther and the B and

Hans Kropman - was
C Company had already
me and said, I want t
him a rifle and a hel
The first thing Hans
We met him a mile awa

the Germans were loca
here and pin-pointed
and his 3rd platoon
capture over 200 men
jacket and carry his
helmet and went up th
were riding up throug
item in the last news
trieve a motorcycle.
for any more cooperat
we were in Holland.
thing between go up
Dutch had one home th
saw I was an American
had been shot down.
of ammunition for us.
hidden him. Just as
from Veghel. He came
driving them. They to
spend the night in Di
men told me the other
Heeswick.) (Would tha
Fathrr Sampson landed
and telling him he wa
pleasure of visiting
Prince Bernhard came
fields were not the

We traveled from
That was the darkest
hands in front of us.
fire because we wante
and we'd just hit the
about 3 o'clock in th
German headquarters
another good move by
but we moved out of
Schijdel and late in
smart and tried to ge

a group to open up th
flank. They were pret
and I don't know how
under heavy fire from
couldn't do a think e
at them and they'd fi
they thought we had b
out at 300 yards. It
After they would fire
lines and we would le
everything we had and
between us. We felt s
it was easy. But that
action. We didn't los
went on for about 3 h
us and we were down l
Germans were coming.

Down in the area ar
captured that large g
in the line. We had 8
one thing I like abou
lines. That is why so
to the no replacement
enlisted men.

Robert J. Burge
to pilot error. In
by the enemy even
The mission of
the bridges over t
Zon and going nort
"We had about e
and its mortar squ
Carrel, Robert Nun
Sgt. Wade "Daddy R
too. The rest of t
was Capt. Ian Hami
company clerk was
"Since I was th
my chute and prepa
a small field with
scared because of
Along the outer ed
bery. I had to mak
been in serious tr
desire to be tramp
field. I pulled m
tumbling forward.
extension sewed on
one piece into thi
first and I tumble
teeth, and in gene
to Gilbert Ossincu
hurt too, and his
under my own power
that's kind of stu
away in Holland, s
and I looked like
"That night Gil
vided by the Dutch
dinner at these Du
porridge. Can you
they looked at my
with a bandage on

"George, I'd li
that Holland jump
scheduled to jump
pack for me. Then
it, but no harness
for several days a
and went beyond, w
report to the medi
so I spent only ab

"The Dutch peop
went. They helped
when we stepped in
There were several
injured and was in
treated.

"The most vivid
man out of the pla
little choice. So,
having a scar to r

(Burgess has so
in Vechel showing
one with the handk

"Holland (jump)
mandy" was the re
were Vince Randazz
and the Wilson wit
leader.

"I landed in a
ordered myself and
a rough time we ha
timing down the ro
my rifle til the s

"I remember mak
where we encounter
fielde under Germa
thud sound as they
name on them. Chas
gun. They would st
clip point blank s

One the Island,
up to a hedge. Ger
Smythe and I had h
us. The Germans mo
Smythe was killed

Increasing comf
pig for Thanksgivi
pounds. We had a g
elsee we could find
reat of the pig we

"When we firet
him by name. He we

IND

NAME PFC GERALD J. BECKERMA

CURRENT ADDRESS 816 Fire

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATTE

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? yes
NORMANDY MISSION? I don't

Comparision to Normandy

(A) What was the mission of y
to move into Ne

(B) Did anything unusual happ

(C) Do you recall names of ot
glider? Randazz
? Wilson (the a

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? _
Medic? _

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? Landed i
vicinal. Lt Calvin ass
Right Flank. I remem
to keep up with the
down the road to
I used my Rifle till
(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during
of the area through
many pockets of hard
German fire, hearing
loud sound as they h
had my share of them
had a 20mm Ant. Pla
and wait for us to c
and then take off.

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri
Point soaring up to A
Platoon refused fi
there with both s
we were both ok. A
(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) N-

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation? _
due) _____

(L) In what way(s) were you

(M) What is your most vivid

(N) Have you ever gone back
No. If yes, were you a
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what yo
A wonderful girl
Leave a Rock f
Success in 1972 Ret.
(P) Have you exchanged visit
yes If Yes, name some of

On the Holland
ride whereas in N
only two others f
On the Holland
front lines in Be
approximate time
after I had jumpe
a Holstein cow ap
to the right and
the clow moved to
on down landing a
The last I saw of
could go get away
jump, no one was
Heeswijk and Dint
was that as we we
a young Dutch gir
My first though w
on Sunday afterno
sandwich.'

"The mission o
secure same. Inc
we set up our com
unusual thing tha
was that one memb
quite upset and a
Obviously this me
operation."

"Captain Harry
Holland mission.
have a platoon se

"The first day
ground jump and a
any enemy resista
we began a patrol
and Eerde. We sur
that we were able

table ready to be
during the summer
that evening. Tha
stated that we we
going to set up i
I cut the veal, c
enjoyed veal stea
position around t
the church steepl
mortar observers
and me. After get
ordered all the e
after going halfw
steeple and that
I went back up to
field phone rang
shell, which I di
order to leave th
my raincoat but h
Howard had recomm
in action. That h
my raincoat and r
occurred while we
familiar with the
the other side of
position with a b
retreat. However
just as soon as t
able to get a sho
minutes but final
and as its front
round in the unde
"Another very
Eerde. We had cap
lined in formatio
K I heard one of
around and walked

turned out to be
I knew very well.
bathroom and coul
wouldn't if I cou
"Perhaps the m
occurred on an op
a curve in the ro
hit by an 88 shel
longer knew that
upon by an 88. I
I could salvage w
me in front of th
came in and I was
After that I walk
which was similar
the top of the ra
went up it was me
that my best plac
"I think perha
mind today, is an
a farmhouse and t
to butcher and se
the pig if Captai
Belgien 38 and st
The last I recall
Howard was follow

Mr. George Koskimaki
1222 Charleston Court
Northville, MI 48167

Dear George:

I don't know why Lou
you and I both know t
be anything but dumb.
died as well as Serge
and had hoped to get

I will try to answer
as best that my intel
of the 501st Infantry
101st in January of 1
on "D" Day and the en
in Normandy. During
with tremendous flak,
from the drop zone.
from my stick and I n
of like an afternoon
over the front lines
at approximate time p
after I had jumped, c
Holstein cow approxim
to the right and the
the cow moved to the
down landing approxim
The last I saw of her
could to get away fro
no one was missing fr
and Dinther on the wa
we were marching into
girl came up to me an
was "My Lord, here I
without any oppositio

The mission of our ba
same. Since we had n
up our company headqu
that happened during
of our stick, and I d
a sudden his reserve
that he had to return

Unfortunately, I cann
stick. The only ones
1st Sergeant Al Neky.

I'm not sure who was
was our company comma
I was the company cle
sergeant.

We actually had two l
and Sergeant Robert P
left the Unit and the
Platoon, came in and
was with our group wa

The first day that we
ground jump and a mar
any enemy resistance.
through Vechel and a

However, after we beg
through Heeswijk, Din
a German unit in Shij
a butchered calf whic
had some experience i
I volunteered to cut
were in an open field
do like the cowboys a
and defend all sides.
it in rendered fat fr
evening. The next da
sand dunes at Eerde.
made an excellent obs
were up in this steep
getting two direct hi
enlisted men to leave
down remembered that
only means of keeping
steeple to retrieve m
and I answered it and
After that time Capta
steeple. I tried to
he kept telling me to
recommended me for th
That heroic achieveme
and remain warm at ni
while we were in the
with the names involv
side of the sand dune
a bazooka. In teleph
he said that he was g
that tiger tank start
shoft into the soft u
the tiger tank began
got higher than its b
belly and that was th

Another very interesti
We had captured approx
in formation in the co
headquarters I heard o
I turned around and wa
and it turned out to b
whom I knew very well.
the bathroom and could
and wouldn't if I coul

It was in Eerde that w
up on the front line.
of Colonel Johnson. S
was very sorry to see

Another amusing incide
Vechel and occupied th
jar filled with schnaa
our visit in Vechel.
I had to leave my cach

Perhaps the most hower
the upper and lower br
road between headquart
This was where a Briti
disabled. Other peopl
you could not walk by
I was almost to the tr
salvage when — BINGO —
in front of the truck,
came in and I was in a
After that I walked th
which was similar in n
to the top of the rail
head went up it was me
me that my best place

While there were not a
on the island Wayne Wi
into rather nice quart
more digging so that w
have a light.

I guess the individual
with Captain Howard in
run all of the enliste
while it was still bei
mortar fire to the las
there was very little
survived.

I do not recall any co
receive some food from

I think perhaps my mos
today, is another enco

a farmhouse and there
to butcher and serve t
up the pig if Captain
his Belgium 38 and sta
could. The last I rec
Captain Howard was fol

Unfortunately, I have
were involved with, no
I hope to someday.

Since the War has ende
involved in hospital a
Memorial Hospital in C
moving to Raleigh, Nor
Wake County Medical Ce
for a period of two ye
I have been here since
the hospital and for t
During this period of
in an accident in 1979
I have one son who is
Aluminum, one son in C
Professor of Denistry,
regular Army stationed
Jump School and I'll t
made their fifth and q
to pass out the wings
"Are there any second
shot his hand up, smil
forthcoming. The Dril
ol Dad".

I have not visited wit
Ollie Burgess a couple
back in the early fift
a couple of occasions
several times when I h

George, that's about a
to you involving the H
are going to write a b
looked on a failure.
played a vital part in

I don't know whether y
please drop by to see
you while you are in t
out some old films and
card for the 101st Air
in plastic and it is s

I also have something
picture of Headquarter
Regiment which was tak

Please keep me posted
I certainly want to ob

Very cordially yours,

Earl

Earl H. Tyndall, Jr.

p.s. remind m
to write. I w
a boss dr

1LT FRANK
(Tape made

1st Battalion h
and was 4–6 kilome
distance. We lande
the approach march
no resistance the
intact. No demolit

I remember havi
really hated to ac
They had a little
with her.

The first conta
We did have quite
led a group out to
town we were under
toward Eerde, one
Kinnard asked Capt
town——it was late
meet us at one of
on, let's go!" So
road. We told the
then it was dark a
will be coming out
darkness, we knew
than a block when
a side street. How
opened up. I remem
and street sending
stopped firing and

Howard said, "We'r
We staid there was
some distance on t
church and I staye
knocked on the doo
like 15-30 minutes
so I went up and k
turned out to be k
room that was blac
church wine. So I
a very interesting
remember his name.
he thought a good
some around. Well
Company did not fi
experience in Holl
(SUMPTER BLACKM
MANUEVER--WAS THI
next morning they
Germans left and
the U.S. troops bu
all the hot food
Kinnard called the
give it out to the
the Germans would
food that was cool
were really a fine
(DID YOU AND YO

Two of our mort
our mortars which
Germans got wise t
had some tanks hid
they were there.
to ask those guys
going to direct s
there where he di
on the steeple ag
the stairs with a
bad. We ran over t
really hurt. He s
only American flag
steeple and the ne
church. We went u
the only souvenir
(DID YOU HAVE
ATTACKS?) The S-
them quite a bit.
and she rode a bi
information to an
get hit too early
the attack came a
(DO YOU RECALL
tion. I do remembe
We pulled a lot o
--kind of like sh
line company lieut

all those guys lyi
were." We walked
pretty cold blood
gun fire.

On the island,
recall the British
don't know how mar
quite a few. They
I remember we put
"I'm going to put
"We don't need any
and leave and we g
doing any good any
ber on Armistice I

Sgt Cher

The jump in Holl
France I almost pa
In Holland I had a
jump. With quick r
no panic."

As for the missi
east side of the c
the west side and
resist us."

"The pathfinders
of the regular jum
et people in their
to Heeswyck Castle
Waybe manner (we c
a parade ground ju
those who couldn't
sergeant major, sa
down my face and s
ground jump men!'

On board the pla
Sammy Homan, Bn. J
For that jump we w
boots. Why, I sti
on two counts--bec
the plane as I did
chute and I wore m
the plane when he
from the caretaker
on the road leadi
sprained his ankle
bike. I kidded him
the next time--I c
of 'Hell no!'"

"Capt. Harry Hou
and Capt. Seale wa
replaced by Al Nel
or Charpentier.

"It was the firs
5 miles (8 kilome
bikes and ran up
a requisition on
name on it. I thou
didn't help when
and I, after Homa
the dike. First t
the bridge and al
think) arrived. W
--a squad had jus
site direction th
garage which the
to what is now th
talion which Capt.
were located. He
building and I to
ding. It was Sund
tried to wave the
for the Germans t
machine gun opene
kids. That action
side. I then scoo
drop zone. I note
like a large hous
side of the build
discovered it was
five miles into t
disappeared fast.
join the war effo
have been 2nd Bat
point were each w
didn't see me and
someone?'. I have
most got shot for
went back to help
restaurant I had

on the square. I
not certain but I
ators, which may
went back to Batt
British rations.
Finally one guy h
I think I had the
square where some
battalion HQ eati
the restaurant. T
day or two the wa

"A few days lat
Heeswijk in what
slipped a company
Dinter road. We m
Canal on our left
Vechel-Heeswijk R
ordered to attack
cooks, the mail o
tect our rear and
ordered to Eerde.
our rear at Heesw
German (Polish) p
armored half-trac
had a comouflaged
the 'Bear.' The r
me on the running
was out there. Wh
ploded 20mm shell
We had no medic b
and got it and we
pital in Veghel.

"I rejoined the
Earl Tyndall, som
church steeple du
Germans would thr
would come down w
ecting artillery

behind the school
me. I thought it
of small shrapnel
request came in f
to Veghel to get
on the Veghel-Ein
(Kenneth) Merchan
with me. We kept
to go on it. Ther
and a German tank
dusky night as we
passed another Br
bridge over the c
up at us from all
down the road and
here a few minute
convince them unt
and retraced our
of mortar ammo on
and an assortment
going to find our
to that burning t
to that was burni
can imagine our a
was waiting for u
tank and found ou
"I was not with
a shell. It twist
I was not in grea
care of. I was br
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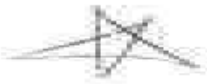
dark as the Germa
were evacuated af
other side. I was
offered him a cig
knew I don't smok
quite some time l



and he asked it i
and I learned a l
Increasing crea
or beef--figuring
commanders got pr
to tighten up. Ma
remember one nigh
Germans were feel
possible so as no
enâed up in the h
charades, of all
with very little
shots. We went ou
Howard upbraided
grunted or someth
sentry was trying
it without violat
Assistance from
Johnson and me in
tell us that the
road (possibly to
show us where, et
over to us.
"My most vivid
came back with Ha
townspeople put o
There was food, g
next day the war
town. The people
in attack or defe
with Hathaway to
remembered had be
look. I felt sad

Dear George:

My brother-in-
letter to him re the h
didn't do much of note
is concerned. Like ev
personal acti ns wasn
significance. I supp
thing that happened t
infantry basic at Camp
took paratroop trainin
not certain-I got my w
the 501 at Toccoa as a
501 and was disenar-ed
I will follow your for

Sgt Chester L.
106 Q. Oct ave C. Jul
dgs Co 1st Bn 501, Co
served in Normandy (J
had difficulty getting
of where I was up to
was able to get out th

A. To take orders on
town-at least that's w
changed to tie east si
otherwise to jump on
for the Germans to see

B. The pathfinders ha
plane of the regular
and waved at people in
fields adjacent to Tees
my best John Wayne mar
it is going to be a pa
confidence in those wh
who was an Sgt Major.
pouring down my face a
to be a parade ground

C. Beside myself was
an exec officer and Ja
jump we were required
why. I still don't kn
how counts- because we
plane as I didn't want
ehobe and I were my pa
in the plane when he
oikes from the caretak
standing on the road l
doman sprained his ank
riding the bike. I k
combat boots next thi
equivalent of "hell no

D. I'm not sure who was
jump master and Kinnar

E. Capt Harry Howard w
[redacted] Bn Co. I was
Officer.

F. When we jumped int
was when we jumped int
open by then at least
Clerk. I'm not sure of
was for awhile in Norm

G. It was the first ti
time for that matter.
I saw these three adul
their okes. I actual
an signed General Mar
would help them get it
caretakers niece about
coat-headed for the fi
rode into combat on a
simultaneously a squad
for town and I hiked t
I then headed into Je
in. I hiked past a mal
German soldiers inside
in Jeşnel. I met the
and told him where the
to cover the front of
the rear of the Germans
kinds of kids I knowin
followed. Howard or
was answered by rifle
came from all directio
without any casualties
down another street to
mand waving to me fro
in proper military man
to the doorway. Jumped
a bar. The "waver" di
town and all over town
fast. He drew me or
the war effort and sli
have been 2nd in was
were each watching ups
see me and I made sure
I have no idea what I
shot for my efforts as
to help set up and q's
had passed on my hike
square. I ordered fri
certain out I think t
actors. Which may have

I went back to [illegible] a
or critisn rati[illegible]ns-
me. Finally one [illegible]zu
nd I think I had t
the square where s[illegible]
into [illegible]n dqs eatin[illegible]
the restau[illegible]ant. In
the nign points-It
up with us.

[illegible] a few days aft[illegible] r
To deeswijk in what
slipped = company i
Dintner road (I [illegible]in
with the vil[illegible]elsva
our standards) and
and then were asked
nizht I believe.
(the bear) [illegible]atnaway
>? [illegible]risoners at Din
g> back and pick u[illegible]
wes in [illegible]arge out I
(>olisn) [illegible]risoner d
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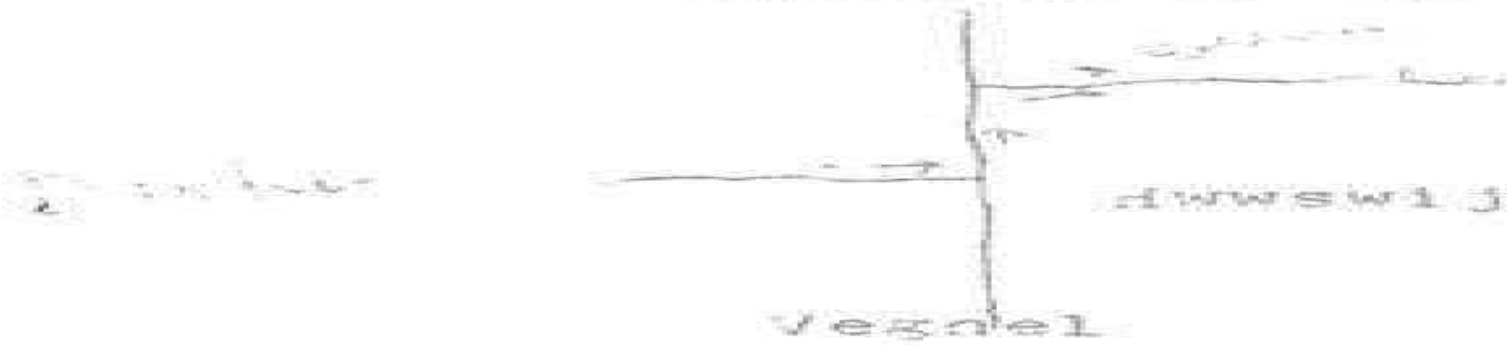

the Sand Dunes [illegible]ign
round into the st[illegible]e
dust all over t[illegible]em
[illegible] the radio fr[illegible]a
next to the church
had taken my legs [illegible]
It wasn't seri[illegible]e ou
s[illegible]e one to [illegible]olunte
supplies s we were
[illegible]indhoven [illegible]oad. I w
of [illegible] I believe)
as [illegible]ar as we could
tank burning right
toward cindhoven.
in [illegible]lland. We dr[illegible]
which wasn't firing
entrance to Veznel.
now we got there.
the late impossible t[illegible]
said I know we just
s[illegible]e recognized

steps. We weren't fe
on the hood. Boxes of
ment of Ammo in the t
find our road as it w
that burning tank and
to that was burning w
can imagine our anxie
was waiting for us.
tank and found our wa
surprising about the
1974 - it is the Dutch
would tell me that fro
were as surprised as
non fighting.

I. I really didn't n
to relate a few incid
may otherwise be lost.
been jolted by a shel
under another. I was
in getting taken care
same one that Col Jenn
not get off the Islan
exits covered with art
and picked up by ambul
the Col until one of
exasperated and said
his situation was ser
medic "now much farth
we got to the field h
that he had died.

J. We all killed pig
would be killed anywa
pretty strict about "
Many of us stayed in
night when no one was
feeling out our posit
to not give our posit
in the house that wa
things. When a sentry
if any pause between
went out to assist an
upbraided him the sen
of course kept toward
replenish our meat s
the "no scrounging" o

K. Under X I describe
his name. We had two
Harry Davis but it w
action for a cook to

L. The Dutch undergro
mostly in Intelligenc
had placed explosives
emplosen)sp and would
also captured German
M. Most vivid memory
held a parade. with A

9. supplement

CITATION

IN RECOGNITION

Chester Brooks joi
served as Superin
Monument, Petersbu
and currently Rock
in the Midwest Reg
The outstanding wo
for the Midwest Re
and the inclusion
System. He demons
skills he later us
Independence Natio
time of considerab
Bicentennial of th
program the Indepe
National Historica
officials, busines
important addition
later, promoted to
parks in 19 states
Bicentennial parks
parks of the revol
the meantime, he d
of concern for the

At Rocky Mountain
reestablish good c
concession problem

In recognition of
historic interpret
Distinguished Serv

M. My most vivid memory
lio-rating Veghel. the
ortish, and Dutch flag
a spirit of joy will.
the Germans started sh
underground bunkers. W
return for several day
remembered had been ta
look. I felt sad for

N. As part of a trip
Edda and my daughter A
and Brde. Maria Davis
castle. Paula Veltman.
friends of the Holst.
towns. We visited the
to identify most of t
except for the area ne
think I'd remember muc
we moved quite a bit.

O. I'm attaching my
before joining the Na
school from the day I
During that period fr
as a teaching asst a
April 1 83 from Rocky
else was calling for
trend.

P. Ray Lapegaard and
Alex Baaz, communicat
(deceased) visited us
Supt of Pedregrine Al
Jim Platoon and I ar
on supply Sgt. Fred
Mach Gun Platoon-I n
Wickman of Intelligen
all there. Ft Lee ad
friend of mine. Ine
there and they pu
basic training tower
I visited Willie Kra

as you can s
I wrote more than y
helpful. We are up
day in style-in case
who chased the grass
the wine crop.
If your ug

P.S. As you can see
been spoiled by having a se
for 30 years - I'm now relea

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DULUTH, MN. 55812

Sorry to be so ta
We spent 3 weeks in Ap
our daughter and famil
June in New Hampshire.
where I had a Board me
of Eastern National Pa
& sales organization.
number of state parks,
Cyclorama at Atlanta f
also chairman of tne p
as chairman of product
local community respon

Back to your ques
I nave marked tne map
be definite I'd nav e
1. 2. 3. & 4 locate th
the british tank (2) w
main road was about li
of the road the germar
side of the road. I h
rather than light us u
for the germans to see
british tank between u
In other words we were
of the time. The seco
was down the road--we
didn't fire while we w
been knocked out by th
I have no idea about t
so the locations as fa
concerned are educated
4. is where we met the
bridge and were challe
or a tank had "just be

As to Amos Hathaw
tell you which Davis
there were two cooks
cook, was in afoxhole
Amos (ex machinegun pl
wiremen, etc were used
back from near Schinde
forward rear guard) as
joined them after leav

I have wondered
were later cancelled.
Holland-Pallais (sp)
the wars end a number
jump on what I now bel
were to be the fightin
personnel found the so
of signal corps people
also assigned. I don'
they were secretive.
had been one & I had act
from Norway & had told

Ches Brooks

Borgerhout

Boogaerd

Kapel

Boomstraat

Schimmel

900

37

Schipdelsche

35

PVT. JO

Private John E.
in the ammunitio
tant platoon lea
to get some chic
Green and myself
my way back with
over and give a
mind, I'm knocki
me to stop!' He
Shortly after th
"I believe it
celled all of us
are coming up. T
but we stayed to
gully. We were t
put a machine gu
Most were dead.
No big deal and
moaning like a b
John?' I told hi
and out. The Ger
a bullet through
forgot the medic
Pvt John Hopke
wrote: "I was a
gun a good clean
We did a good jo
ter half. I told
the guys for a f
good deal. I g
when I heard the
the explosion I
head. What a mes
the medics. Almo
platoon sergeant
to clean it hims
He did. Lt. Hami
We moved out sho

I went back t[illegible] n[illegible]
[illegible]r [illegible]ritish radi[illegible]ns-
me. Finally one [illegible]uy
nd I think I had t[illegible]
the square where s[illegible]m
into [illegible]n digs eatin[illegible] c
the restaurant. [illegible]na
the nigh points—It w
up with us.

H[illegible] A few days aft[illegible]r w
To deeswijk in what
slipped a company in
Dinther road (I think
with the Wilhelmsvaa
our standards) and t
and then were asked
night I believe. W
(the bear) nathaway)
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er back and pick up
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(Polish) prisoner du
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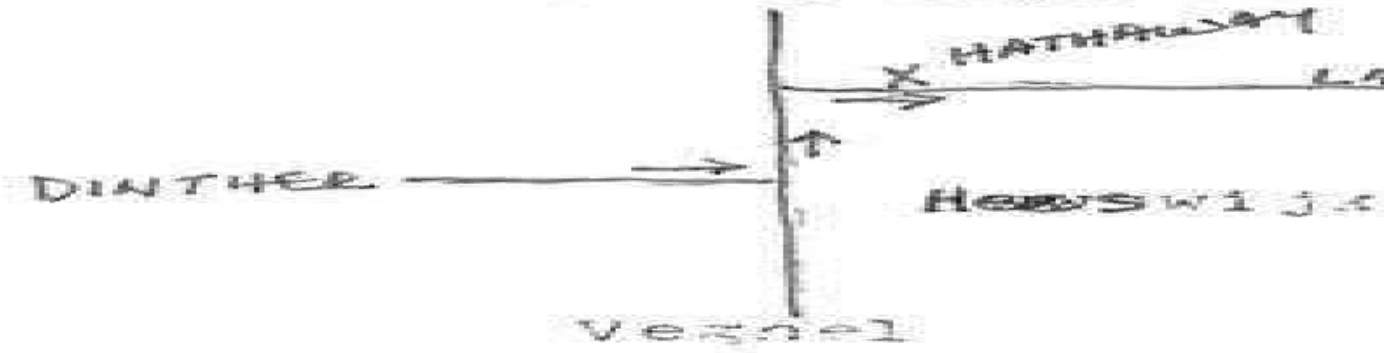
road junction as as
running board. We d



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some one to volunteer
supplies [illegible] we were
Eindhoven road. I vo
of [illegible]. I believe [illegible]
at [illegible]s [illegible] c[illegible]
tank turning [illegible]
toward Eindhoven. I
in [illegible]. We [illegible]
which wasn't firing
entrance to Vechel.
now we got there. I
thats impossible the
said I know we jus
[illegible] the rec[illegible]

Joe appeared at
been parachuting in
The Normandy jum
pathfinder for the
man for three diffe
"I was in a plan
I had a leg bag and
Belgium, I looked o
running from a farm
only 600 feet off t
they had been goofi
we'd have gotten th
Howard got kind of
He always got sick
"As we got over
leg bag broke. I wa
(Later on I was rec
Phillips of C Compa
feet off the ground
guard at the front
never did use the b
cation.
"An hour after w
were walking along-
and they came out w
They knew we were
of the milk in my c
(Question: At th
you remember or rec
steeple?) I was beh
a deep foxhole. He
out there (near Ber
a crisp. The hands
right behind and to
the American flag u
it furiously) Halle
killed. (Bill) Elli

was near by but fu
Elliott and had le
I had left to go t
mortar shell hit r
down in his hole b
shrapnel in his li

"I was radioman
with Captain Phill
a canal. The Germa
to give up. They h
fellow who was to
They they opened f
Capt Phillips--'Le
half an hour and t
lot were real youn
good soldiers and

On the Island: "
used to haul wire,
with turkeys and t
didn't have boilin
pieces. We had one
turkeys and at nig
foxholes. They rea
buddy Tony Cazia d
cycle and we figur
him again."

Capt Sam

After serving a
Capt Homan moved
for the Holland c
"It was earier to
on the Holland mi
"We were to set
the Willems Vaart
"We missed our
of the Vechel DZ.
was Capt. Harry H
"I landed in a
castle of CASTEE
My mission was to
Vaart Canal to se
from a friendly I
talion already th
"I sprained my
combat boot buckl
Heeswijk then on
moved to Heeswijk
Eerde.
As for increasi
CP's and to house

I was promoted to Ma

IN

NAME & (Rank) Staff Sgt Sammie N. H

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP

NORMANDY INVASION? Yes

NORMANDY MISSION? Yes

objectives

(A) What was the mission of

Seize Vechel ...

Capture Vechel

(B) Did anything unusual hap

drop zone about 3 ...

(C) Do you recall names of o

glider? Harry M. Hum...

(D) Who was in charge of tha

(E) Who was your company/bat

was Bn CO.) Plato

(F) Who was first sergeant?

Medic?

(G) What recollections do yo

this mission? I landed

close to castle

Pendigeum with Capt

road alongside. Willem

We took a tank from

elements of 2d Bn ...

(use additional space if ne

(H) Much action took place b

island between the two bran

memorable experiences durin

my close friend (...

therefore I stayed ...

then went to Eche...

element & I more...

Bn CO, then on to

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) L
for C.P.'s and
positions.

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation? Y
due) Lt Col Hanny W
his actions
3d Bn, 506 Inf

(L) In what way(s) were you

(M) What is your most vivid
around Veckel,

(N) Have you ever gone back
No. If yes, were you a
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what yo
Bn CP, 3rd Plt
I assisted Inf Bn
in Europe, attende

(P) Have you exchanged visit
Yes If Yes, name some of
Glacier park, Rob
Lee Mabe, Frank
Robert O'Keefe, we

In comparing t
this to say abou
not too far from
The mission wa
and roadways nea
"Not much flak
planes in our ba
Company clerk wa
Recalling the
ried bazooka and
ten feet away. C
shooting before
light all the wa
the castle and e
the castle an ai
(when the rest w
platoon went bac
Germans were in
or battalion str
Concerning the
this islandarea.
Citing a comra
received sny med
pers often under
front."
Most vivid mem
and I were cross
and I was flank
ten feet apart w
whatsoever."

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NAME & (Rank) Pvt John E. Thom

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATTE

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? MUCH B
NOT TOO FAR FROM PL

(A) What was the mission of y
TO OCCUPY THE TOW
ROADWAYS NEAR AND A

(B) Did anything unusual happ
P-47'S USUALLY PEELED O

(C) Do you recall names of ot
~~glider~~? NO.

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/~~batt~~
Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? M
Medic? ROBE

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? BEAUTIFUL SU
HAD CANNONS (ORNAMENTA
MY CHUTE, BUT EVASIVE S
HANGING IN TREES NEAR THE
WE MADE THE CASTLE AN AID S
WENT TO VEGHEL) & CAPTURED THOSE
(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during
REACHING THIS IS

(I) What was your most harrow
branches of the Rhine Riv

(J) Describe some of the ways
six-week sojourn on the i
yourself and others?) _____

(K) Do the actions of any ind
the Holland operation? YE
due) DON'T KNOW IF
OR NOT, BUT SAW
UNDER HEAVY FIRE. U

(L) In what way(s) were you a

(M) What is your most vivid m
& I WERE CROSSING BRI
FLANK GUARD & HAD PUL
WHEN SNIPER GOT I

(N) Have you ever gone back t
YES. If yes, were you et
were your friends during
A NATO JOB & VISITED
(BRITISH), VEGHEL, EINDH

(O) Describe briefly what you
WORKED AS PLASTI
LAST 13 YEARS B
AND THE SEATTLE

(P) Have you exchanged visite
YES If Yes, name some of
TEIXEIRA, BRISTOL, A

Maurice C. Whi
because it was day
ground fire." Thei
in preventing the
Vechel."+ The men f
DeMarco, Keith Tho
sergeant and 1LT C
was CO. Marshall I

"I hurt my ank
well. On the march
to ride. Very litt
hospital when we w
was not broken so
the mission."

"Company C lei
Heeswijk and Schij
captured a company
Sometime later we
tained a German mo
because of my bad
car. In Schinjndel
bar and there were
the cap off a Gamm
German soldiers pa
soldier came ridin
him, but don't hit
Needless to say we

"The next day
platoon was left a
an enemy force was
the railroad track
three tanks. I kep
road from us then
to the sand dunes
orders and the reg
Eerde that the win
ing pretty good.

"As for our I
in the corner of
the area we were
small arms fire.
the orchard and g
in that orchard.
Beck had his jaw
hospitals getting
the junction of t
the dike to the r

The British h
equipment. A Germ
stopped. PFC Fran
pounder (an anti-

"It was rathe
Boland (retired a
position every mo
laying out there

"We later mov
don't remember wh

As for increa
in a house that t
and attached barn
used my tommy gun
through from the
the upper rooms a
enemy across the
men and also a pl
get dried out and

"On thanksgivi
been hit with shr
but a few necessa
dinner. Then the
their meal. It wa
eating.

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NAME Maurice C. W

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/~~BATTE~~

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR

NORMANDY INVASION? YES

NORMANDY MISSION? Parach

I could see where

(A) What was the mission of y

Assist the engine

blowing the Be

(B) Did anything unusual happ

(C) Do you recall names of ot

~~glider~~? Frank Beck,

Liberachio, Hony

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt

1st Lt Chas. D. Boring Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? M

Medic?

(G) What recollections do you

this mission? I first

bobbed around Easily

Vechel a Dutch Fami

resistance going

Hospital when we

my ankle was not b

(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be

island between the two branch

memorable experiences during

Defenses on the road

the road to Vechel an

of Germans being

Sometime later

an schijndel. I

side car that I

ankle. Had .30 Cal m

schijndel we were

door to a bar and

I closed the door

leased I, & the

pasted to the ba

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri
in the area o
As we approach
an orchard a
arms fire. M

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?)
a house th
Ryke but th
Rees Rhine
floor and re

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation? (
due)
described above
felt

(L) In what way(s) were you
that I knew

(M) What is your most vivid
written about.

(N) Have you ever gone back
No. If yes, were you a
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what yo
remained after the
of Bridgeport, N.C.
spent 17 years in

(P) Have you exchanged visit
If Yes, name some of
Jerry Edmundson
Zelkowski, Chris
visit my fam
& have visit

H The same mo
came riding into
was to stop him
opened fire and
we got the

The next
on the road
at the mid roa
next morning
approaching our
Mail road truck
company 7 chasse
platoon 7 in pass
street (road) fr
company in C
the mud dur
down for a
and the regim
some duties,
wind mill
By now

I get out of
last
last orchard
Each wounded
schapnel & H
rifle) & K
heart trou

position
and the
over the
The
before us
A ger
and clud
of French
sifted
artisanh
knocked
If
we were
after the
fire
front of
a B. H. G
german l
what ma
We ha
another
remember
hole in
through fr
the shut
rooms an
detected
I wa

(7)

for the
school at
line and
On the
the Rugg
struggle.
in the b
to stay on
line, fo
line and
If you
return

6 After I
in Indian
contractor
retired from
enjoying
Skip and
keep me
and my
I owe
week.

7 Capt Phillips,
Moore, Leh
Jenson, Wa
Rogers, Ku
Krueger, Lou

Van Buskirk
see I ho
I litle
visited C
in ohio.

Geo
this and
seems a
does not
Gov
and I
the other
much
place

AMBUSH IN THE APP
us all day to mov
holding out on th
we didn't get clo
transported in tr
the British that
had already met o
pany's area when
This was about 01
called out '2nd s
doing too often -
apple orchard as
German machine gu
two MG's were one
site corner as we
stayed below the
German machine gu
off the ground -
time. By this tim
enemy - close eno
fire. About this
firing so I crawl
Someone said (Edg
that most of his
but I called for
direction of the
were just firing
time I felt somet
my heel with a sh
left that I thoug
a ways and take a
stayed in place a
Bonnell came up t
ditch. There wer
addition to the o
company later to
and sent to a fie

England to a gen
Mitchell Convale
army February 19
try. Also I coul
Schijndel.

Dear George

Oct. 4 1944 -

Capt Ian M

Reflecting on t
World War II, Cap
commanding 3rd Pl
as a farm buildin
ordered to take i
augmented it with
Murray's men adva
couple others and
busted one of my
supporting machin
jammed but when I
fired perfectly.
"B" Company survi
additional detail
Springfield, MO i

Sgt. John M. Sc
river from Arnhem
posture and sprea
dug our positions
custom to resuppl
including rum, on
the first platoon
it became routine
the jeep's progre
we were unloading
he screamed and g
but he continued
us were also hit
of my boot.

"1LT Robert Sch
was a Notre Dame
Camp Mackall day
he was Battalion
at that time my e
ammo truck explod
using excellent b
killed a few days

staircase of the
walked away to in
to see what happe
obviously dead. I
jerking. I grabbe
bleeding from his
moments he was go

"Staff sergeant
at that time. I d
was his responsib

Mr. George Koskimaki
1222 Charleston Ct.
Northville, MI 48167
U.S.A.

Dear George:

I'm glad Bob Burge
of October 27th. My fi
to again visit with som
(as I was) and some were

I had a lady frie
have your telephone numb

To keep the recor
father did as a British
among other decorations
and lived in Glasgow be
position in the motion
Lt. Leo C. Martin) then
who was perhaps 8 years
unit (Company "L" of th
in March, 1940 and I pr
thence to Demolition Sc
Company, then commanded

Here is some upda
later.

1st. Lt. Ronald I
to "straighten the line"
dike and we were ordere
the position, augmented
as Murray's men advance
couple of others and ot
one of my sergeants to
machine gunfire from th
the trigger of the gun,
an apple grove (peaches
talked about it so if y
at the next reunion in

Sgt. John M. Schne
from Arnhem. At that ti
thinly across a long str
and slept in farmhouses.
British food rations inc
which separated the firs
trip and it became routi
the jeep's progress. Th
unloading and we scatter
got up and ran again. I
He was found later that
was a fragment tearing t

1st. Lt. Robert Sc
was a Notre Dame graduat
Mackall days at least.
Ammo Officer at the time
Officer. He was killed
nearly an hour in the ch
a German major we had ki
the winding staircase of
walked away to inspect p
what happened. Men were
I ran to Bob Schorsch wh
and pulled him to a sit-
and was trying to speak.

Staff Sergeant Pau
time. I don't believe I
bility to unload the tru
the time at training cam
the boxing ring which th
Alabama I believe. He c
glove on him as he was j
Commander, called me in
beat me. The nice-guy i
superiority in all situa

Another name not c
Orlando. He transferred
and he expressed his del
outfit. He was with us

Another omission i
believe, at Mourmillon,
replacement officer and
within the first five mi
Company "B" was the poin
my two scouts and I came
What immediately develop
attendant confusion. My
Platoon deployed into fi
on our left and Second P

and had a pretty good fi
came up behind me and ro
three I had with me and
the smallest man (in sta
a grenade across a room.
in short order to preser
unclear I shot a German
on Lt. Roby suddenly cam
two or three yeards in f
spun around. He tried t
hi rifle) toward the ene
he was hit again and cra
died. Looking back on t
been to no avail as he w
had the responsibility o
due to direct tank fire.
where they fell as we ju
days later the snows cam
died bravely doing what
time. He knew we needed
being overrun.

George, if you are
Georgia Rascal that he p
Father Sampson's book ar
I can order it from my b

I do hope this ram
to see you next year in
anytime please stay at m

Please send anothe
of my words on the sheet

Capta
(Base
Toron

Captain Ian Ha
the open door of
out in the direc
carbine toward t
himself in the f

The plane was
in the take-off
unsnapped the st
out of the door"

Captain Hamilt
whether the shoo

Reflecting a b
"My recollection
recognized white
make a rather ra
designated zone-
and even rear of
in short order.
Schmizzer pistol
later engagement

Recalling the
recall Colonel K
before we entere
It was my though
into town, take
holes (saloons a
us in the mornin
orders that fund

As for Driel:
positions and wh
presumption was
and the Germans
many dead bodies
killed in the no

Talking about the Dustp
attack orders. My recolle
when we recognized white
make a rather rapid move
Principlally us a ditch w
opposition. These people
privelege of picking up a
which I utilized in a lat
(You mentioned being in o
attack, I can recall Colo
before we wnte ed the tow
thought and one which I e
the grenge, take the city
and dere the Germans to t
accepted the proposal and
do just that.
(Now would you go to th
1st Battalion of the 501
island.) "We moved up, ipt
so doing we came upon mou
butchered a number of Ger
There were too many dead
killed in the normal cour
ope ration which entailed
indeed a farmhouse comple
regiment that should be r
seriously. I was given Br
complex added to it compa
Platoon led an infantry a

Pv

From an accoun
permission to us
tember 1944, whe
was Veghel and t
Veghel with very
objective. The r
patrol back to t
Duffy (DeHuff).
the castle, try
this patrol, I w
first combat pat
the castle and r
there until nigh
company at Schij
In later actio
dead of night to
the two rivers i
a few hundred ya
They called the
those few minute
side and I had m
dead tired as I
and I knew that
see the glow of
else did, that s
with every gun t
right. We lost o
an Italian and I
before we left B
family before we
fied that somewa
into Holland bec
orchard. I remem
through the orch
shouting out com
he wanted them t
Germans thought

of the company.
through the year
the attack. We r
and we occupied
"In the next m
house that we ha
position of this
zeroed in on one
forget this. O'R
heard that awful
O'Rourke and he
foxhole was thre
to his position
his helmet slid
the helmet back
hit him. He was
forty minutes la
the offset right
he had to be the
soldier I ever k
Within five or t
to take two peop
I would be selec
had been on more
and by then I ha
going to holler
to the orchard,
to draw their fi
enemy strength t
to parallel to t
then proceed eas
back up through
When we came to
Nelson was on my
a man who worrie
the night before

each squad leade
was about the or
burner. By the t
holder loose tha
they opened up c
know how we got
in the same way
yards from our c
to the right of
sound and I knew
shot through his
He fell like a t
post to help me
cussing like a s
before he died,a
not cry out, but
greatest individ

(Frank has his old map out
things I'll always remembe
radio in a leg bag ste I
I was looking forward with
that we seemed to be flying
I loved the protection we
ground without the fighters
flying down throu the cent
I'll never forget because
coast of Holland when we w
Vechelfor the castle where
We saw a German soldier up
down on his knees. He reali
shoulder. We could literali
but we could see the smoke
was. He was kneeling in th
opened in a little cottage
by step slowly through the
his hand and hauled off an
down on the deck, looked u
have gone on back to talk
Seems like we went out of
the castle as I was coming
It was like back in Englan
of the field. Got up on th
We had been marching south
the canal. Therewas absolu
hear a shot fired. The doo
a tug on my leg and there
tell me to put my radio in
him as best I could that I
since itmhad broken loose
and that had knocked it ou
back so I obliged him by p
that canal into Veghel. He
You could see the pride in
the same. We pulledinto to
town and then moved up int
the radilroad tracks and t
just beyond the railroad a
castle.if your looking at
olland. It was completely
The first sergeant put the
the seat of my britches. A
spoke any English and I ce
obvious. I was asking for
off my pents. He was going
pants off I'd have to take
combat without my boots on
they were saying yes. So f
over his lap as the whole
and thread and sewed up th
bathroom and tried to lowe
pants. (I visited with the
(Bill DeHuff's patrol out
mind when he sent us out.
was fairly clear.and slip
two other companies on the
road on the right and to p

As I remember the briefing
later) We were to proceed
explore and see what was g
battalion headquarters so
the patrol. We started off
out in platoon formation a
ride on down the road and
young Dutch people came ba
nest and pulled us up out
had a flag of truee but th
out and talked to Bill. I
remember that Bill said so
force supported by artille
he was going to call every
figured this was exactly w
section. We walked on down
yards down the roed ran in
by the Dutvh underground w
things and come back and t
member. The information fr
the position and how they
tainly at the risk of thei
close to the Dinther inter
went forward again and gro
their small arms fire.Went
fellow was not much older
with them. What it amounte
off and left things in his
there was a massive Americ
better to save lives--he s
them up with the people we
was several hours into the
they were sent back to Veg
Unbeknown to us.deployed b
was a probably a force of
A and B Company waald be f
and went as far as the cas
We pulled into the castle
the gatehouse and raised t
have a hard time getting i
raising it and he seemed t
own mind and up came the f
of S'Hertogenbosch. There
there and he was going the
range of my radio set now
the darned place trying to
reason or other I went out
battalion came in clear as
garden right where I made
Things were very relaxed.
to let Dehuff out and tour
has got a tomahube chamber
One of the fellows had tun
ran out because they could
and got it running. There
in off the jump field so w
we were concerned that we
would be accused of using
we rigged a parachute to c
Dehuff.

Mind you with all of these
behind the wall and up in
bowman used to shoot the a
gunners. I think if they h
never did. This is now wel
as to the whereabouts of S
radio and gave them a repo
force in the town of Herto
Kinnard. We were told to
radio to move DeHuff's pla
said. We packed up everyth
towards Heeswijk. What we
been moving up the same ro
And wehn we got into Heesw
met Capt Phillips. By now
the night there. We deploy
was going on. Dawn the nex
from Vechel northwest towa
a blocking position on the
Dawn the next morning is e
canal and A and B Companie
course was listening to al
Shotrly after we left the
to fight our way to the ca
deployed well. We pushed o
drawbridge at the canal an
done a helluva fine job in
here they were fighting a
companies moving to the no
thought it was somewhere i
a postion where their back
between A and B Companies
majority of them gave up.
on a motorcycle with a sid
around the corner with a G
and killed right about the
killed there in the middle
about the end of the actio
I guess A and B stopped wh
night. We thought we'd set
on the move and the best t
changed. We started headin
platoon in the lead. We st
right and left. Complete d
first thing we ran into wa
some minor rifle fire up a
of the road. Phillips was
He was hollering up the ro
behind him, perhaps three
next platoon going and to
this minor problem. He was
gun started firing. Whoeve
the road andsaw this gun t
more tracers went right be
and with that I dove in th
if anything he saw the tra
the hell on the road and l
to because that gun cut lo
of me in the ditch and he

"Seems like w
ful day. I could
field we landed
England...a trai
the field. Got u
"We had been
We marched along
resistance. We d
doors were openi
tug on my leg an
trying to tell m
side. I was tryi
radio. All of a
loose on the way
that had knocked
any good on my b
wagon and as we
the happiest lit
pride in his fac
"We moved int
of town. We pull
perimeter C Comp
road and the roa
castle. That is
It was completel
"Bill Behuff'
had the manuever
if the road out
of the companies
on the front bet
road on the righ
"As I remembe
missioned a few
up that road as
on out there. I
quarters so I wa

Send copy to Delluff for verification

the patrol. We s
the road, scouts
beside us on the
come back and te
people came back
gun near and pul
body. I can't sa
set up a meeting
was back in the
that Delluff said
striking force s
and if they didn
The sergeant was
was going to hap
walked on down t
1000 yards away
were told again
They'd ride forw
about it. There
mation from them
in the position
away with it, ce
forward, we must
or just beyond t
and brought us u
their small arms
sergeant/major.
cussed things an
he was quite dis
things in his ha
as there was a m
us it would be b
platoon in streng
up earlier--not
the morning. A c
were sent back t

"Unbeknown to
the canal to our
and this was the
Companies when t
went as far as t
"We pulled in
We even went int
if they tried to
caretaker kept t
to be telling us
went the drawbri
tion of S'Hertog
major German for
left. I was reali
up on the towers
to call battalio
other I went out
BINGO--battalion
the middle of th
"Things were
left the drawbri
(Dave) Klinger c
chamber in it! W
"One of the f
abandoned it whe
worked on it for
lot of supplies
so we loaded eve
concerned that w
we would be assu
wasn't intended
we sat down and
"Mind you wit
were people depl
guns sticking ou
were occupied by
Germans had hit

never did. This
the battalion wa
back. He called
he had seen, whi
S'Hertogenbosch.
We were told to
move DeHuff's pl
was said. We pac
drawbridge and b
time was that Ca
earlier followed
Heeswijk or Dint
Capt. Phillips.
tled down for th
We got filled in
thereafter, A an
toward the canal
blocking positio
the canal. Dawn
down the road to
attack from the
of this on the r

"Shortly afte
enemy fire and h
was leading us.
through whatever
canal and anchor
panies had done
them out of posi
and they moving
west and pushing
was somewhere in
into a position
were in a trap r
behind them. Qui
remember any off

on a motorcycle.
bridge intersect
drawbridge. We h
inthe middle of
about the end of
back to Vechel.
Germans gave up.
down for the aft
and the best thi
attack changed.
the lead and it
the road, scouts
darkness. Compan
we ran into was—
was some minor r
lay down on the
wanted to get th
'Git your ass in
haps three feet
the next platoon
and go around th
All of a sudden
all dove into th
take off. I saw
tracers went rig
between mine and
this. He was fac
by him down the
let's git going!
because that gun
laying alonside
up there than I

Frank Carpenter on the story
new is marked on the map whe
the west. There is a dike, a
left one finger, there's two
and on down the river. That
north side. Its where that d
dike ran underneath the r&il
large tall bank too and rose
when we were there last time
and went on into Arnhem. Rea
the highway bridge--there wa
the life of me with all the
there they were all chewed o
take this bridge. I'd swear
--take a look at the map whe
that side of the dike near t
River side of the dike but r
the Germans had the north si
things changed later. An& th
went underneath, and there w
When we were there I never s
railroad where the Germans w
come through in my conversat
When we pulled into nijmegan
501st symbol is there; and g
or walked from Nijmegan if y
side of the river from Driel
and mortars but Ido remember
walked well into the night.
met on up into Driel and the
That is where all of our act
literally parallel to that d
point is on the map and the
the dike on a little road th
next to the dike. Company HQ
some reason we stopped. Ther
up and put us all in ditch &
pretty soon there was some f
from that house shooting bac
artillery came in on us. The
east going into the yard. It
zeroed in. Then they started
each one closer than the oth
literally on the road and ou
on each side of it and we we
went off on the road right a
time I was ready to break &n
I started to get up and he p
that time another round went
shrapnel. After that shot th
Phillips had gotten up and c
company is heading north on
part of another platoon and
in. He ordered us to go towa
orchard on the other side of
fence and there was an orcha
are. That's where we are sup
dike and the railroad. The g
a flare went off. The German

standing up in that field fr
fence, hadn't gone over it y
that was up in the air going
like an eternity til that fl
was moving and I mean everbo
ran across the field and int
where the British were. Almo
dike was a barn. It was well
is in addition to the farm h
of the house by about 300 ya
British and they were ordere
What we didn't realize is th
in our area. As we had gotte
were now basically surrounde
leave a Bren gun carrier and
plus a sergeant and about th
the next day when the lines
next day Germans started com
throwing hand grenades over
way. That was on the north.
were trying to stick their h
long this went on. We lost a
WE had dug foxholes into the
and he got it. One guy was w
place and he got it and a th
sniper we think was in the f
surrounded, the battalion co
towards us with platoons on
squeezed the Germans--theall
They were caught between the
only way they had out was to
they broke enmass and we wer
Sometime in the middle of th
top and across the dike wher
pinned right between us and
They finally gave up and the
to surrender and Captain Phi
the Germans--you get out of
trying to see our strength.
while. Then what few Germans
by A Company. After A Compar
bank of the dike just like w
guys' from A Company had sav
Evening fell and there was a
heard at least two tanks fir
on the dike road so we could
appeared on the bank of the
came over from the dike side
started moving. Inside this
was pointed smack at that vi
The British sergeant was tel
effect that a mortar had ble
that building which was pret
coming -- one tank had broac
guns in the outfit were goir
looked down and saw that gun
close to it. So I grabbed ar
gun work. I ran about five y

the first thing I didn't kno
levers and finally got the b
to push it back in.and that'
the palls would have release
and the thing did get enough
didn't know how to fire it.
near us. I can't say the she
were so thinck.and the machi
was a lot of hollering and s
gun and I hit something and
fired it went right straight
a helluva let of smoke and e
The guy who was with me wher
the hole. I didn't know what
hit it and I didn't know if
shell hit the tank. The tank
In an instant things turned
of them laying there. I slam
what to do. I threw the shel
the damn tank again.I must h
tried to get out. Hell, they
other tank--the gun crew kne
that opening. They put it in
was destroyed.The attack whi
place. They all went back ov
and thatwas about the for th
Needless to day, when the ta
just about everything else.
the first anti-tank gunner i

T/4 Frank Carpenter was awar
history and also praised by

The rest of our time on the
the river a couple of nights
the edge of the river right
spot where the two arrows ar
good to get them out, the Po

Another story--in Driel, the
chimney, a brickyard chimney
stood up in the doors. They
ladder that ent all the way
ran a telephone wire up the
so tall we were looking over
The Germans figured we were
punched a hole and that's e
didn't look over the top any
the hole the Germans had pun
Some night during this perio
streaks of smoke and light t
distance--maybe it was five
had a glowing tail, just lik
have been the first ones the
have any idea what it was. W
battalion. . I don't know at
first rockets from that area
we had a heckuva lot of mess
just as soon as we could. Th
so they could knock them out

Included are two
Holland operation.

VECHEL — SEPTEMB
night, we cautious
been advised by Ge
mum amount of Germ
alert and ready fo
divided into two s
both sides of what
numerous shops on
U.S.A.

As we made our
of the town many o
windows of storefr
maidens appeared s
to be young women
to each paratroope
of the maidens sto
squeezed gently ar
an antelope never

"This even brok
troops nearby who
laughter there was
——'Fix Bayonets!'

"Now it's not e
in a few moments h

"I could sense
Then, simultaneous

were noises of va
soldiers that fel
However, the suspe
Germans had fled
OCTOBER 1944 - SO
by a damp chilled
Holland.

"A faint gossa
hastily making use
evening.

"A row of tree
the German camp,
two foot irrigati
positions. Becau
decided to make u
ditch, I thought

"In a normal m
my trousers and t
barely above the
I felt the passin

"I ignored thi
second rifle shot
more than two inc
caused me to act
then crawled (tro
camp grounds 20 o
upright position,
view of a dozen h

August 15, 1985

Mr. George Koskima
1222 Charleston Co
Northville, MI 481

Dear George:

Thank you for your
you obtain the mat
coming novel a big
first published co

In my experience,
chapter after chap
much thought to ev
I would prefer to
humor, in my opini
the events are for
in your novel.

However, I would e
periences in your
should you write a
you not publish th
memories have beco
are factual, the t
questionable.

In looking back, I
the incident in Ve
humor combined wit
General Harry Kinn
location of the in

The following took
1944.

DAVID C. KLINGER
13138 MOORPARK
SHERMAN OAKS, CA
91403

VE

In the silen
approached the Cit
by Captain Robert
amount of German r
mained alert and r
the City we divide
ceeded to advance
main shopping stre
such as one may ex

As we made o
the center of the
to the walls and w
ness of a flash, t
nowhere. They were
each carried a bas
trooper as they tr
the maidens stoppe
and squeezed gentl
took off like an a

This event b
laughter from the
in the midst of th
the voice of Capta

I. (Continued)

Now it's not
realize that in a
combat.

I could sens
nearby. Then, sim
against rifles, th
broken, obviously
panes after hearin
only momentary as
prior to our prese

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PR

Recently at
in 1983, retired G
Ceremonies during
of a serious incid
division was await
As his story
from the camp sigh
British estate sto
extended the lengt
As General K
fold the facts re
those sitting alon
attentively.
The General
a strong complaint
fishing in the pri
unveiled when it w
surface of the wat
on the surface of
But that was
to the General.

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OCTO

The intense
dawn. Winter had
A faint goss
were hastily makin
made the past even
A row of tre
from the German Ca
stand of trees a
open field into th
were somewhat less
irrigation ditch a
obscured from both
In a normal
I dropped my trous
side, my head bare
rifle shot and the
more than six inch
I ignored th
seconds a second r
at a distance of n
that a sniper was
to a prone positio
to my knees) to th
30 feet away. Whe

III. (Continued)

position, my trous
full view of a doz

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Frank Carpente
to the Island.
went somewhere u
out of the truck
from Driel and c
covered with art
had a long walk
then turned east
been walking lit
we got to where
a left flank and
that was an entr
the dike. Compan
then for some re
front. Capt Phil
little road that
some firing, mac
from that house
eight rounds of
right whe e that
right at the jun
they started dro
each one closer
were hitting lit
the side of the
fired about six
my head. I got a
ready to break i
to me. I started
and pushed me do
had I gotten upo
that shot there
lips had gotten
company is headi
headquarters and
still on the roa
the dike and cro

the other side o
wire fence and t
that is where th
was the exact co
guy in front of
went off. The Ge
body who was sta
fence. I was on
other side--we g
the top and stea
til that flare w
moving and I mea
off running acro
trated our way i
of the railroad
It was made of s
the farm house.
ofmthe house by
relieved the Bri
reassemble at Ni

What we didn't
and had infiltra
dently moved in
British left abo
carrier and an a
plus a sergeant
They were to mov
stayed with us w
coming in on us
ing hand grenade
over the other w
were trying to s
shots and all da
think of to snip
of the dike and
it. One guy was
open place and h

he got it. The s
into the night b
mander ordered c
us with platoons
more they squeez
were caught betw
only way they he
matter of time b
day and that's w
"Sometime in t
over that bank,
rest of their un
between us and b
another. They fi
a white flag and
anybody was goin
here. All they w
note our strengt
for a little whi
captured, killed
A was done, they
dike just like w
ole guys' from "
"C".
"Evening fell
Sometime after d
the other side c
hear them but co
the bank of the
Germans came ove
it and the two t
the British gun
duct and I was s
sergeant was tel
to the effect th
wouldn't move ou
was yelling at t

the viaduct opening and
the outfit were going o
ing and looked down and
saw one before or been
(Paul Saunders) and sai
work.' I ran about five
the gun. Well the first
fooled around. I pulled
opened and out came a s
in and that's not what
the palls would have re
mad and kicked it and t
pawls and closed the br
same time the tank gunn
cant say the shells wer
ran a telephone
top of the hills
figured we were
and punched a ho
Of course the gu
down about half
punched through
"Some night du
some funny strang
sky north of us.
miles, maybe ten,
tails, just like
must have been t
ing on it. We di
bearing back to
realize that we
know somewhere d
lot of messages
just as soon as
were being stored

PFC P

PFC Paul E. Sa
in Holland when h
tank up on the di
when he destroyed
through on us? I
I and others were

Writing to a co
of his wartime ex
"We jumped in the
the first man to
held a bazooka an
Lt. Edward Janse
crw to give us th
by flak which the
the plane. He rec
jump, I proceeded
while landing. Wh
nand and after it
rifle off also. I
reached the groun
landed close to a
in the leg decide
The plane while r
landing. LT. Jans
his leg. Later he
that he was back

"Another encoun
Holland campaign-
ordered to fix ba
German soldiers h
Some of our men d
were ordered to t
us trouble. We to
ammunition, but w

George Jon
1222 Elm
Northvill

Dear Geo

I wa
and the l
so I pau
remember
was not
I am
write fr
teacher, a
can speak
well, not
fourteen
did I wa
[redacted] a lit
take from
he was w
after. I
started to
as I could

Larry Bouldin, Tryda called
to share some of my war expe
not very good at putting tho
wartime experiences, howeve

I was in the invasion of Nor
battalion, Company C. I was
Headquarters Unit. I was a
said, I do not remember too
unto God for that.

Larry, we were shipped over
We were located in a saml
a short time, and were brie
(11) miles inland on June 6
The wheat was real tall, an
we used to get out of a Cr
made a sound, and was used
of signal real soon. The G

Our orders were to secure a
on the beaches could be tra
fighting with my Company in
which was a passenger C-47,
wrong D Z, along with some
German Bivouac rest camps.
and the one I was supposed
the next day. He remained
Kolodziej. I did not get w
to this date. I did see St
back. He belonged to one o

I was able to get with six
ditches, and waded in wate
in the daytime, and travel
believe we jumped with a th
bars. The next day after t
the wrong D-Z, captured, an

We were eight days getting
small skirmishes, when we c

The French people were very
ation as to the location of
Charles' before he married
by telegraph that I was mis
England, about my being mis
we were shipped back to Eng
base in Releford. He thoug
been killed. Larry, remin
incidents, which happened
third day, close to dark,
large open field, evidently
They saw us, and started t
the soldiers with me shot
at the boy, he was very yo
my mind was his mother. T

get away, probably wounded.

Larry, one other skirmish I
our outfit. By this time, w
officer. We had picked up a
machine guns. This action h
by hills or mounds of dirt w
Germans, evidently retreatin
ran between us through a dee
We were firing at each other
their retreat.

Larry, I remember one Germa
bowling pin right toward me.
to the hill of dirt. The gr
I heard it explode below me

Larry, I will mention a few
which I was involved in. W
jump. I was the first man
holding a bazooka and six r
next to me watching for the
was hit in the leg by flak,
the plane. He recovered an
to lower my leg bundle from
lowering the bundle I let t
feet, it broke striping my
knife, when I reached the g
landed close to a big canal
the leg decided not to jump
returning to England was sh
by the Germans, and they am
and we received a letter th

Larry, another encounter th
Campaign, one evening about
for hand to hand combat. W
I did not have to fight any
and I were ordered to try a
We took my bazooka and gave
get close enough to knock i
lenghty and rough.

Another campaign which you
or worse than the others du
supplies.

Larry, I am sure that you a
telling you my thoughts on

This is a short summary of
people who suffer most fro
believe I would be willing
our freedom. I will not c
has the right to think as h
my love for freedom, andy

Larry, I am not qualified t
since I do not read enough
I do believe we have to re
we should attempt to elect
heart. I feel they should
do whatever is necessary to
but would life be worth liv

Larry, my wartime experienc
given it any thought in a
although the Lord has made
good to be reminded that I
for freedom.

I am enclosing a copy of my

With my love and best wish

Uncle Bill

Jack E. Bill

"There was no
see a German sold
ack-ack and had t
DZ." Those on bo
dore, Heinz, Gate
Medic Donald LaBa

"I landed in a
were lost and mar
Hollanders stood
beer, etc. On our
two-wheeled horse
guns and mortars.

The movement t
British, O Compan
areas. When I wen
feet where they a
stumbling around
mortar barrage. B
from concussions

"When the Brit
wouldn't work. I
and see if he cou
he had it fixed s
out front. Later,

The most harro
a patrol across t
We hid the boats

alive but I was

T/4 Frank Carp
cited in the div
who wrote about

The rest of ou
We went across t
Dutch would feed
noses of the Ger
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ACTING CPL. THEN SGT.

NAME & Rank: HAROLD L. F

CURRENT ADDRESS 3409 Mi

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BAT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (AP

NORMANDY INVASION? YES

NORMANDY MISSION? No Com

FROM TRACERS. IN Ho

(A) What was the mission of

CLEAR & SECURE

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(C) Do you recall names of

glider? PESCKA, METH

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(F) Who was first sergeant?

Medic? L

(G) What recollections do y

this mission? I LANDE

WATCH. OUR LEADERS

THE WRONG DIRECTIO

THE ROAD APPEARING

TURN OF ABOVE FIVE

CAPT. HEINZ WITH HELP

(use additional space if n

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(I) What was your most harro
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ACROSS THE Moon
NIGHTS. LIKE THE
MOON EVEN BR

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) E
HOLE AND SCRAWN
SOMETHING WIT

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation? _
due) I THINK OF
PART

(L) In what way(s) were you
LETING US UP
THE HEDGE ROWS A

(M) What is your most vivid
DETAIL

(N) Have you ever gone back
NO. If yes, were you a
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what yo
WENT BACK TO B
RETIRED IN 1994

(P) Have you exchanged visit
___ If Yes, name some of
WITH BOB ROBER
HUNT AND FIS

"The day of the
so far as the wea
warm and pleasant
was designated ju
it seems there wa
the doorway for a
little puffs of w
ally metal on met
the signal was gi
gave the command
With this command
signal light from
'Geronimo', 'Bill
departure from th
see that I was go
very large oak tr
away from both bu
roof cottage. The
total)--I weighed
the oak tree. The
my feet with ease
have broken bones
chute harness, to
looking for the e
noon on a Sunday.
table for Sunday
wasn't hungry at
onto the objectiv
didn't know what
the house checkin
proceeded out the
ripe delicious ap
over I moved to t
much nicer — easi
ferent book." In
gunfight at the S
area everything w

right smack-dat
four or five acr
to dig fox holes
day. There was a
from it about 50
cover to the ene
a Dutch windmill
thought we were
When the attack
see German troop
close range. Clo
Well, they yelle
bazooka man to p
seemed to be con
on the windmill
By this time the
the berm for cov
(platoon area). I
reason I'm not s
get the machine
jammed, maybe he
MG working. Evid
began firing sho
yards. A bullet
been hit. I reac
the bullet had h
was the sand hit
hours (probably
we reassembled f
fight or during
men. We heard th
to our rear. We
pected it result

Dear George -

between the
roof cottage. T
little weight (
broke off a ver
to land on my
and bent it left
broken bones a
I got out of m
left machine gu
looking for the
. So it is in the ni
family were all
for Sunday dinne
with them - but
I needed to rest
the afternoon. All
gathered and
others. I went
checking to mak
waiting and prov
an apple tree
ripe delicious
it. With that
the assembly
was a mile
the Normandy
coast -

- [illegible] to
the [illegible]

Dear George

"I remember wh
As communications
contact for the r
pretty heavy arti
this headquarters
commander--they h
side and the CP g
old British tradi
fellows care for
but he insisted a
for the relief. T
the adjutant.

MAKING LIFE MO
personally. We ha
stories, and upset
the Germans. Well
S-2 officer and I
rolls so we went
it was dark we wo
but made sure wew
only building in
upstairs and it w
of radio speakers
up in our company
turned to BBC and
good music on Arm

I lost two lin
Davis, Sgt Larned
radioman to Colon

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Pvt 2 Scout C
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Daugherty had
been assigned to
to the 10th Armo
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He doesn't re
tiful day. Recal
Harold Sring fro
It was an accide
but am not sure.
field commission
"I know we ca
time. It was let
pardon me for se
surprise on both
after we arrived
time. It seemed
there when Colon
driver on the di
briefing early o
We had been in b
over just yet. Cu
city night after
Daugherty rem
Indian from Idah

PFC J

"Instead of fi
thoughts down be
in England. Some
were Steve Husak
At take off time
getting ready to
names J. Adagio,
little confusion
"We landed nea
the road from Di
of Christ on it.
courage and prot
"We went into
along the canals
As to the B Co
Braml got killed
Germans who were
a needless loss
the two attackin
and Jack Ifirts
scapl creased by
off the attack w
wounded.
"Pvt Robert Pe
ground fire. He
killed at the sa
"On the big li
lings, Washingto
after the night
field, killed by
was repulsed, he
ever been reinte

For Larry Lut
while Holland wa
assembling units
The mission w
etc. and seize a
"Other than o
training jump."
Hopke, Pvt Ray S
platoon leader w
Wiltgen who late
"Recalling hi
in the field bey
slammed into my
regaining consci
platoon assemble
get mdeical atte
In later expe
at the sand dune
that this was th
ienced in Hollan
constant shellin
a strong counter
the village. I n
used as an obser
Most harrowin
week in October,
Lt. Ron Murray's
the island. As w
a snipers bullet
aid and before I
shot and killed.
moment in my lif
In my opinion
men Imhave ever
for the men und
him. I had emot
ear when I need
As for PFC Jo
same rifle squa
cried and bitch

Normandy we r
London togeth
obviously pre

As for creat
our fox hole on
turns in a near
a few men used
pass the time."

As for heroi
courageous sold
platoon in orde

IN

NAME & Rank:( ) Larry C. I

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? YES
NORMANDY MISSION? ABS

Ve A SOME DEFECT

(A) IN [illegible] What was the mission of
To Seize + Secu
+ Size + hold the

(B) Did anything unusual hap
for OCCASIONAL FISK

(C) Do you recall names of o
glider? YES - PVT
PFC. JOE J. BRA

(D) Who was in charge of tha

(E) Who was your company/bat
Plato

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic? Dos

(G) What recollections do yo
this mission? I DRIFTE
FIELD BEYOND. MY L
STUMBLED INTO MY
MY CHUTE. UPON RE
WITHIN TRYING TO
+ MARCHED OFF TO VEGH
(use additional space if ne

(H) Much action took place b
island between the two bran
memorable experiences durin
IS THE FIGHT AT THE
AS I MAY SEEM IS TH
FIRST FIGHT THAT I E
VERY HEAVY + WE C
ENEMY ARTILLERY.
ATTACK + HELD OUR
TO THE VILLAGE. I
DAMAGED. IT HAD

(I) What was your most horro
branches of the Rhine Ri

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) Ha
and for half on
last also took tub
clothes + cursetive
(at Sensitive, + Di

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation?
due) I SET Lab
most courageous Se
himself to keep Hi

(L) In what way(s) were you
None that

(M) What is your most vivid
the account

(N) Have you ever gone back
yes. If yes, were you a
were your friends during
occasions, 1979
+ Buildings with

(O) Describe briefly what yo
Spent 4 years
Rhein there Ch
12. I have one fr

(P) Have you exchanged visit
yes If Yes, name some of
+ I Spent 10 days
Austria in 1984

GEORGE —

I want to pre
experience By Gi
Biographical sketch

1st Lt. Ronald I.

In my opinion
most complete me
knows. A man of
with a compassion
endear his comman
all of us respect
I had emotional
young trooper + h
ear when I needed
for him was like

P.F.C. Joe J Bra

We met at C
being in the same
because good friend
drank together,

TO ONE ANOTHER,
TOGETHER. AFTER
RETURNED TO ENGLA
SEVEN DAY FURLO
TOGETHER. FOLLOW
JUMPED IN HOLLAND
OBVIOUSLY PRETTY

T ABOUT THE 1ST
N OCTOBER I DON'T
DATE, THE THIRD T
LT MURRAYS LOCA
[redacted] INTO AN APPLE
HETTREN ON THE
MOVED ON, A SHOT
LT MURRAY FELL
BULLET TO THE HEA
GOT UP TO GO TO
AID + BEFORE I C
WORDS OUT FOR
CAREFUL, HE TOO
KILLED! EVEN TOO

REGARD THIS AS ON
TRAUMATIC MOMENT

GEORGE I HAVE
you THE FACTS AS
THEM AFTER 40 Y
THAT CONTRADICTIO
will NOT HELP YOU
GOES LOCK IN YOU

IN my THREE
TO HOLLAND I MET
FRIENDS WITH TOM
of ERDE. HE WAS
BOY WHEN THE S
HE IS A MEMBER
of DUTCH AIRBORNE
SURE HE CAN HELP

KAPELSTRAAT 2
5466 DB.
ERDE - VEGH

If you feel I
help you in any
free to contact
me at address:—

Larry Lu
413 - Dolphi
Oldsmar, F

Since

Chester E. Os
like a Sunday out
fighter protectio
The company m
at Vechel. Membe
Cobb and Pvt Grah
Carl Sargis was l
"Landing some
our DZ to our obj
them up. The truc
contents. A box b
any of it. The pe
welcome we receiv
"The attack o
a canal. We had t
of the canal. The
It was pitch blac
due to the dark.
came galloping do
where we ran into
in a tavern and d
going on and to g
at Erde. It was i
men. Sgt Edgell,
explosion seemed
of this a woman c
I helped her down
cooled off. The B
of the enemy."
Ostby's most
house with German
firing at us from
of my jacket. A s
in. Timbers, raft
"I dug a hole
it with me. Havin
would take a smal

add gas and you ha
foot at a time.

The most vivid
when it was bombed
helped a nurse car
and all the window
all.

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri
HOUSE AND THEIR S
THE RIVER. I GOT A BU
LANDED ON THE BEACH
CAME CRASHING DOWN. M

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) I
KID (GOAT) SHARED
IN A STATIC RECTIFI
PUNCH HOLES IN THE
A CUP OF COFFEE

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation?
due) I NEVER

(L) In what way(s) were you
VERY THA

(M) What is your most vivid
IN NIJMEGEN WHE
ABLE TO WALK. I HA
BUT A FEW PEOPL

(N) Have you ever gone back
No. If yes, were you a
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what yo
MEAT CUTTING UNDER CI BU
LOADING TRUCK. RUN A MEAT
MOBILE HOME PARK. FEDRAL

(P) Have you exchanged visit
YES If Yes, name some of

IND

NAME Chester L. Ost

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATTE

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? YES
NORMANDY MISSION? Glider An

WEATHER. VERY LITTLE FL

(A) What was the mission of y
TAKE + HOLD THE BRID

(B) Did anything unusual happ

(C) Do you recall names of ot
glider? Lt. Crew, SGT Sm

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? __
Medic? Doc

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? LANDING SO
MARCH FROM our DZ To
TRUCKS AND SHELLING T
ENRTYED OF THEIR CON
TIME TO SALVAGE ANY OF
CHURCH & THE TREMEN
(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during
THE GERMANS SURRENDERED
A BRIDGE TO CROSS TO ou
A VERY NARROW ST. IT WAS B
JAMED UP DUE TO THE DARK.
CAME GALLOPING DOWN THE
ENEMY TANKS. WE WITHDREW IN
SOME OFFICER told us THE
FIGHT IT. THE TRUCK EXPL
C-C AREA BUT IT WAS B Co
BAZAN-JACK DELAY-LT. MOR
FOR THE GERMANS TO ATTACK.
RR TRACKS WITH A BAZ IN
INTO A DITCH TILL THINGS
RR. KILLED A LOT OF THE E

Cpl Donald

Cpl Wilson part
and found Holland
on it got rough."
"Our mission wa
this early and qui
Others in the s
Walter Gildea and
Hamilton while the
was Carl Sargis an
Recollections o
our equipment toge
were together. We
had been shot in t
to get some help f
board fence and st
to the house when
from their shots.
the top of his hel
helmet with the sh
it went up and jus
the alley and regr
six or eight Germa
Later on: "The
soldier were on op
the treet driving
the other guy both
at each other with
and the horse, but
each other. The fo
an ammunition dump
falling all around
to pull back and w
one got hit at tha
Rehmert and Harry
got hit in that fi
day, I was walking
gun opened up at o

window of the nea

Most harrowing
on a patrol. The
didn't amount to
Patrol' took plac
didn't try harder

As for creatur
to Brussels. That
pass."

As for heroism
remember. As I re
the aid station b
Germans before he
Butch. He was sur
got away one time

Most vivid mem
took me to a hosp
river there and i
things that I rem
I have been toget
the same as I do.

IN

NAME & Rank(Col) Donald W. W

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? yes
NORMANDY MISSION? Eager. It

(A) What was the mission of
To take and secure the br
got other missions.

(B) Did anything unusual happ
Not that I particula

(C) Do you recall names of o
glider? Edward Smythe.

(D) Who was in charge of tha

(E) Who was your company/bat
Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant/
Medic? Jam

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? Landed. Cot o
and I were together. We went
the hand. We sent him across
went through a gate in a high
were close to the house when
shots. We were not hurt. Smyt
one that hit me, hit the edge
deflected it so that it went
alley and ricocheted. We got
(use additional space if nee

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during
and another soldier were on o
driving a horse hitched to an
subs, and seemed to be shootin
killed the German and the hor
other. The following day we d
to be burning close by. The s
that we got an order to pull b
got hit at that time. Just be
all been hit. Lt. Brash also
that day. I was walking down
one end of the block. I jump

(I) What was your most harrow
branches of the Rhine Riv
I went on did'nt accomplish
before the "Incredable Patr
we did"nt try harder.

(J) Describe some of the ways
six-week sojourn on the i
yourself and others?) ____
helped a whole lot. Lou O

(K) Do the actions of any ind
the Holland operation? __
due) ___John Hartridge was
shot up real bad,but manage
accounted for a lot of Germa
Robert Butch. He was surrou
time but was killed later

(L) In what way(s) were you a
I am not sure of much besi
feeding us or trying to help

(M) What is your most vivid m
took me to a hospital in Ni
down in the center. There are
mission but some times when I
remember the same as I do. So

(N) Have you ever gone back t
No____. If yes, were you at
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what you
was appointed Postmaster of
position until I decided to r
since I retired from the post

(P) Have you exchanged visits
yes. If Yes, name some of
John Mishler. By the way John
George, I am always gla
the Poland story. I am

As supply serg
the contrast of
on target in day
during the dark
During the Hol
was shot in the
Najera's squad."
"Because of a
close to the roa
along and Cpl Hu
It turned out to
lathes and other
"The first sho
me up to jump th
stick) he had ba
the stick. I hel
I found out quic
hit me in the mo
looking up to ch
burst into flame
just before I hi
Jansen."
Harrowing expe
in and the time
munication fiasc
Increasing cre
for supplies and
experience came
"I'll never fo
occasions, but t
it was funny) wa
flag."
Assistance fre
recovering suppl
to troopers stuc
Most vivid mem
when I jumped I

had become infec
as the corrider
an aid station t
vity started and
One of the troop
"B" Company I kn
truck outside 'B
blewn up. This w
1st Battalion su
my best man at m
him on that deli
that blast, mosti
mined what cause

IN

NAME & Rank: S/Sgt Clive

CURRENT ADDRESS 2174 P

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (AP
NORMANDY INVASION? YES
NORMANDY MISSION? LANDE
many miles south o

(A) What was the mission of
secure the bridg

(B) Did anything unusual hap
(jump missed) was s

(C) Do you recall names of c
glider? Mi
two names

(D) Who was in charge of tha

(E) Who was your company/bat
Plato

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic?

(G) What recollections do yo
this mission?

(use additional space if ne

(H) Much action took place b
island between the two bran
memorable experiences durin

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri
and the first w
cause of a co

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) I
the supplies
for my train

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation? Y
due) I received
many decorations
I was proud
a treasure

(L) In what way(s) were you
friendly
and was one of
a treasure in the

(M) What is your most vivid

(N) Have you ever gone back
yes. If yes, were you a
were your friends during
that is a
waiting to go

(O) Describe briefly what yo
went back
I
a fairy

(P) Have you exchanged visit
If Yes, name some of

(M) As I had mentioned before when I jumped I had

BEEN whacked in the mouth with my carbine. My

mouth had become infected over the course of the next

behaviorists was undoubtedly due to their view of

This was a great shock to me as I had never

Even Skinner's own wife was not

We were not at all interested in what

My plane with its entir
than jump up into an ur
Although we did not act
participation.

September 19, 1918, th
was relatively an easy

Line A - The mission w
to two fighting squad
reality, with two pla

Line B - We got lucky
with, [illegible] Lt.
[illegible] in the
the all-important

Line C - I [illegible] S
I was to lure them
Line D - Me [illegible]

Line F - Let [illegible]

Line G - Step: I [illegible]
[illegible] and prepare to
[illegible] this is [illegible]
of the still. Our [illegible]
trapeze [illegible]. Al
sbirocco. I [illegible] to me
to acrobatic trouble, an
trampled by a tetrarch
two, came just [illegible]
remember for the Hallan
to enable me to put my
forward, the pack bit
I split open my jaw, b
[illegible] proper. I [illegible]
[illegible] back that he
able to leave the [illegible]
bauble in my jaw. He
spotted a mile away, bu
small area of I [illegible]

That at [illegible] gibbet [illegible]
Dutch and the [illegible]
Dutch people's [illegible] wi
with [illegible] strange [illegible]
face, [illegible] [illegible]
error [illegible].

Line G continued - Geor
was lost on that Hollan
summer, I was scheduled
a light pack for me. I
strolling it, but no har
line for several days a
and went beyond, we wer
to the notice. It tie
only about 5 days in Ve

Line K - We had very li

Line L - The Dutch pe
went, they helped us
we stopped in at a loca
several "e"s. Even the
Dutch capital is Ve

Line M - The most vivi
memories of the plane an
choices. So, being scie
scar to remember it, me

Line N - Yes, we had be
front and we were back
treated us fantastically
several pictures, me
we swim, my swimsuit

Line O - I spent three
rosary selling. Profits

Line P - I have attempte
total reunion, I also ear
Unfortunately, if follows I ex
previous number and I plan
Northern Ohio Chapter
to late July, Stylez,

Well, George, I hope th
will say more, both my

Sgt. Donald Woodla
501st Parachute Infa
of the assembly area

At 0600 the 1st
ever, before the m
An inventory of th
that each platoon
vided for three.)
was of a major con
fact to the battal
action wi hout a w
a rifle. I did ha
.45 ammunition tha
Platoon sergeant
who were soon to b
who would lead, wh
runs. The first i
Willard C. McIntir
gave me the word.
Finally another ma
liner webbing was
helmets.
o it was a damp
out to take up the
march. Lots of ba
an armored divisio

From a letter form
Charles E. Brown, a
the move toward Neff

As we left the a
morning of Decembe
with the reconnais
C Co., followed by
deployed on each s
perhaps 100 yards
cover a mile of ro

Sgt. Chester Brook
attempt to reassure
rack into Bastogne.

---

we arrived at Ba
edge of town a wom
Germans before and

I assured her th
a mile when our po
that most of our c
battalion commande
about that.

As 1st Battalion w
with the enemy east
resupply of ammuniti
Clive Barney of "C"
the front line troop

I believe the ls
leading. I had to
guy from Company "

As executive offic
Fitter was serving a
Howard who was still
company. Before deps
men were fed breakfa
and the first enemy

Being a battalio
attached to rifle
the right side of
the second in the
patrol was silence
short distance in
post haste. The r
position. Mortars
in a cut off the r

One of the members
of the group leading
forward toward Neff
their small group:

A mission was he
contact. The cru
but moving fast.
Chuck Taylor (Cin
out of Chicago) h
told Tony to take
radio on his back
cradling an M-1 r
highway out of Ba
There were two
on each. They le
were killed and B
I managed to cr
to an aid station

A picture in Rendez
Division brought back
Pvt. Carl K. Anderson

Wayne A. Calloway
married a high scho
jumped with the 1st
does not have a ri
Mourmelon. Thus, w
a bazooka...When th
Neffe in the fog, t
jogged to the head
Cpl Stanley J. Kami
fog and were never
word came from the
that Calloway and
had been shot with
had been removed.
killed while being

The members of the
the line company form

wrote:

I hadn't noticed
the countryside was
talion, led by the
road and headed t
Not long after b
chance or design,
forward elements s
The first hostilit
Colonel Ewell's
at the sounds of r
nor did I remember
had a reassuring e
words, as he spoke
where you are!'

To the left of t
parallel to the ro
front was a house,
tected on the east
this cove and set
told that 'A' Comp
There was a grov
front which we ass
getting small arms
Someone ordered a
before McDonald ye
We started up th
Thornton bringing
I saw the dirt exp
get the hell out 'a
I guess we scared

As soon as the fir
"A" and "B", spread
Battalion headquarte
all command. Sgt. C
machine run forward

I was with the b
turned to me and s
left. There was n
into when the firi
gun crew I could f
over there!' Cpl.
thought I was nuts
This is what tol
machine gun and to
take normal precau
the ditch. I grab
snipped the barbed
frozen ground and
later I heard a ho
my men had taken o
frozen ground."

Sgt. Chester Brook
their front. As ope

However, when th
up in a jeep to wh
he coolly outlined

As a member of the
Ricker's responsibil
company commanders.

It was foggy, ze
light. Although I
I do remember talk
bility was so poor
within ten feet of
the grenade. I we
slug through the w

Pvt. Roy L. Biffle
made the rest of the
to Neffe.

We made contact
wounded several be
in on the ridge ar
been hit in the st

One memory of the
Lutz of "B" Company

When we arrived
street of town hea
of Neffe we were c
Immediately a fire
to dig in with the
-Longvilly road.
incident in partic
Adomitis jumped ou
couple of the troo
away. Later I lear
had taken all the
This was just the
the next month.

T/5 Leon Jedziniak
boarding the trucks
on board and now he
called on by Chapla
a few hours after de

On December 19t
ordered to proceed
the unit was pinn
a viaduct that ha
back. I learned
the railroad trac
myself advanced t
This man was ev
hospital was over
A citation for a
thoroughly, accompa
On 19 December
Grade Leon Jedzin
position, who was
have a slight cha
Chaplain advanced
the wounded man w
dragged him back
crawling. Althou
Grade Jedziniak c
temporarily blind
man to a safe pos

After having foun
Bastogne, Father Fr
went out and joined

I attached myse
west of the city.
hundred yards dow

wounded and had cal
circumstances, for
everywhere). I ask
man to help me. A
us and the wounded
the tank. As we sk
the fence, he let g
his arm shattered b
the railroad track.
where the man I was
were pinned down by
his confession, and
expressed his thanks
The aid man indicat
chance, but we carr
him to the aid stat
not from our regime

The 907th Glider Fi
for the 501st Parachu
Author Robert Minick
into the gun position
position.

Late in the eveni
accidentally infilt
their way in the de
hill and headed str
whispers silently p
artillerymen. Afte
McGlone, who was al
situation, Sergeant
acted as decoys whi
back up the slope t
With their vision h
listen to the enemy
In their haste to c
dropping parts of t
the top of the hill
who was operating t
with a counersign,
leader, a young lie
body of the German
there in the sno. W
The members of the
captured by the gli

[1]Campson, op. cit.

[2]Minich, Robert. I
Battalion, Hobart, In

As a 1st Battalion
at a headquarters of
first day and night

I was transferre
could see a town i
the countryside. W
house. A lieutenan
early morning in da
defenses when we a
were about 150 yar
small arms fire. I
the same light was
yet he slowly turn
arms continued on
into the house sta
stockings. He rep
about it. This ma
tacle. Finally so

In a patrol action
Division Headquarter
in ~~which~~ with an event tha
Artillery area) duri

I don't know who
enemy patrol came
red, then fired, a
our left rear. Ne
was captured.

The action of Dece
Joseph B. Schweiker,

On Wednesday aft
talion. At about
supposedly 200 to
north and Company
into position from
on our left, we sp
was dusk and getti
we were stalled an
firing tracers abo
ground. Several o
Stach realized the
gap could have bee
our left. Captain
road track with Sp
ness moved in, the
Captain Stach sens
since he couldn't

back to their locat
to hold our positio
pull back to the hi
Germans seemed to b
track. I checked w
Murphy hadn't felt
contact with Battal
to prevent the Germ
establishing our po
fire for a minute o
we pulled back. It

The following mor
night before. The
right. We fought a
506th and then the
and the fight and a
all over the place.
with the 506th and

A second medic who
W. Smith, a veteran o
actions which involve
regiments. He wrote:

I'm not sure abou
second night we wer
28th Division, who
side on the outskir
that a large German
fight took place.
Americans and Germa
during the next aft
units that were str
while we were get
was hit in the arm.
battalion aid stati

We had gone down
next clearing and i
German force ready
to do, that was to
clearing. When the
This no doubt got t
exchange of fire bu
they had more heavy
company aid man usu
the platoon.

Ed Posnek came ba
was dark it was a b
might possibly be t
there was only one.
the railroad and wa
dirt road and tied
picked up. I found

Sketch provided by

pretty tough guy in
were any more wound
thing as the compan
could very well hav
the hill almost whe
and started digging
a tickle. It was
rettes. The next m
artillery. I was o
came to me with an
the battalion aid s
where I would be di
of dirt when I got
shrapnel in the but
could get it out.
and asked me to len
later lost a leg in
station could do no

Communications serg
which involves his un

It was late in the
told to go out towa
been a contingent o
the 501st were not
There was an open s
through there and w
apart by some of ou
out there and Capta
where the hole was
came through there
Bastogne had a lo
The trees were plan

around, planted in
heard noises and he
forest, just inside
another stand of tr
we had a lot of fog
six feet in front o
up through there.
then we opened up a
diers. They were e
the 50let.
After they pulled
an infantry man enc
into the trees and
just fired blindly
being cut to ribbon
next area behind us
not knowing the rep

he knew me, had bee
with me not to leav
the tree bursts and
toward the rear alo
tions in the next t
to pick up the woun
time I saw him.

As a disciplinary m
German motorcycle whi
lon for wine and char
a few days before dep
of the men with whom

The first trooper
He and I became a t
much younger than m
in a winning way.
about dawn. The Ge
and completely satu
that is why I remem
Billy Conn.
Me and Billy were
in on us. Billy w
he was hit and the
were lying in a pro
medics but never sa
rifle. I'm only s
them know how he d
on December 21, 19

After the first day

-- Trowbridge and his

On the 20th, we e
mostly fell just to
several days. Bein
except for the snow
better than most.

Outpost duty has it

Trowbridge relates su

One foggy night w
Rasmussen was snori
when out of the fog
front, coming at us
earlier, Fred had h
was holding while h
pointed at the patr
We opened up toge
never snored again
fog lifted, we saw
on the left, still
before.

PFC Seth O. Berry,

remembered the commen

the fighting was hot

After one of the
looked at me and sa
majority of these m
thought of my unit
bother any of them.
think that I could
My reply to him w
this, so to them, i
Christmas Day. I f
that a unit can rec
was there. It brin
told us we were sur
mean the Germans ha
right." Mentone's

In a later action i

1Lt. Joseph B. Schwei

327th Glider Infantry

On Christmas Eve
breakthrough at the
road blocks in arou
Colonel Harper movi
defense against fie
Company headquarter
the rest of the co

memory was in the b
women huddled in th
happened, but we ep
enemy kept trying t
the 327th moves. T

1Lt. Robert I. Kenn
promised for Christma
meal:

Then there was th
in the line in the
lery fire and the r
arrived in the midd
cans and consisted
potatoes so cold th
any mess kits or an
one can for one pat
mashed potatoes--so

PFC John C. Trowbri
upon to provide some

Some days later w
and hold secondary
artillery and tank
destroyer crank up
line. When they re
would usually be so
tank!' These destr
were 20 feet long.

Most bombing and st
troops positioned wit
Trowbridge and his ma

we took over some
slit trenches, some
felt safer here awa
'Jerry' came over t
watching the anti-a
explored a few yard
until daylight, whe
snow all around us.

Mail call is alwa
after a unit has be
period of time. Som
describes such a pi

When Patton br
was a letter fro
started living w
had broken up hi
her asking me to
back to company
letters. I also
want her to rece
typed up a lette
to do this, but
to collect it an
court in the Uni
Howard and I wen
jump off in an a
me to stay there
said, 'Captain H
you are misteken
think so, but I

One of the actions
as an action at a ra

On or about the
of Bastogne undern
with two .30 calib
and last counter-c
and anti-tank mine
and that's where w
kept them there al
hours. The run go
hands. I don't re
put in for Silver
couldn't believe t
held them back. W
later. We found t

A machine gunner f
Trowbridge was also
part in the action:

The lowly PFC is
and rarely is he ce
flanks. Seldom doe
was on this day.

My understanding
on the line in the
after what little
through our lines.
regimental reserve

The attack never
that I saw that de
with mounted anti-
the railroad track

That night, Janu
where the Foy-Bizo
Bastogne.
At this point, t
terrain. We were
lip of the cut. T
rows, like a farme
weighted down with
beneath. This muf
knew who was firin
We set up the gu
field of fire dire
dense than the on
approached the bri
We arranged for
other two tried to
overcoat in a near
ful, the most desp
to this time.
We only had thre
few days before, R
turned out to be a
difference in th
Sometime during
an enemy patrol ma
the gun. I was im
selves. They drop
get out there and
grenades and machi
I wondered what th

Staff Sergeant Cli
gunned when he watch

I remember stand
some huge tanks an
I figured we were
The American GI ha
S/Sgt Clive Barney r

On the side of a
abandoned. Every
They must have fi
of GI's came along
drove off to loud
tians is kicking f

In a story he rela
observation of enemy

After a few days
was Pvt. Edgar L.
together, digging

One day we were
tree branches and
and said they want
in front of our fo
with snow, they put
blend in with the
made in the snow.
when the shell hit
that area in a hurr

Pvt. Michael Capra

an opportunity to al

Phillips and I we
went on outpost dut
fifty yards behind
going in the direct
the outpost in a hu
had the machine gun
towards their right
were sprawled all
hitting the cold a

We captured about
gun and told to tak
we crossed a small
been decapitated by
returning to my com
of the Bastogne ar
joined my old frie
them to the end of

The attack on "Jac
private first class
before the attack un

The next day, ar
attack began as th
under fire.

We waited and wa
was high time to g

We had gotten ab
edge of the woods,
ducked into the wo
it. I landed in t
immediately hit wi
all along my left
entered my chest c
running off into t
I learned later th
burst. Rasmussen

I knew my war wa
a matter of time.
unprotected right

I asked Webb to g
mussen to get the h
In the meantime,
on an enemy formati
headed, at a distan
He sent them scur
working the bolt, t
My back was towar
60 yards across the
the tracks and ran
Since I couldn't
exactly what happen
knocked out and wer
exploding ammo had
A captain and an
position. I don't
but he seemed beres
telling me to hang
found out that the

concern for me, the
Shortly after tha
stopped 40 yards fr
his M1, aimed and f
tree 2½ feet from m
wounds already. I d
of them made their
Five minutes late
not ten feet from m
the woods. Then I
adjoining woods jus
I felt I had seen
crunch of foot step
Kraut looking down
than nine feet away
two of them, to hea
away.
In the meantime,
evacuation team and
fading away when th
I could never ade
but I have spent mo
too, for permitting
the most caring men

In an action which
adds to his narrative

Eddie Kelley and
Germans started to
My kit was in a log
hole. As I got to
got to the dugout a

The action is desc
Leaf Cluster to hie

On 11 January 19
holding an outpost
mortar concentrati
izing the danger o
moved immediately
wounded men. Afte
he personally dire

T/5 Jedziniak adde
trooper told me that

a few minutes earlie
1st Lt. Joseph B.
Capt. Stanfield Stac
replacement, 1Lt. Ch
was then replaced by
loss of one of the e

I can remember v
just received some
Shortly after, Kell

PFC Leo E. Kelley
criss-crossed with h
areas by local farme
witnessed still had

There were liter
trying to cross fe
sticking up with a
area several days
ring finger and we

S/Sgt Clive Barney
combat.

We had started t
the woods to look
There had been qui
was sitting in his
straight down thro
firing into the wo
in both legs. Cpl
me.

PFC Willie Ray Fox
for the Holland campa
company commander and
C. White was his plat
Fennell and Keith L.
as his recollection o

Company 'C' was i
I saw this man wavi
small building. I
to him. To my surp
their hands on top
down and marched th
German pointed towa
snow.

After we left Bas
buddies.

Indivi

Name and Rank PFC Willie Rey

Current Address 641 Lester P

unit of 101st (Company/Bxxxxxx

Circle campaigns in which you

1. Reflections as you left Ho

2. Anything of special intere
departure for Bastogne: I

3. What do you remember of yo
It was a long ride.

4. Did the chaos in and arou
men around you? No.

5. Who was your company/batt
Lt. Russo platoo
relied on in tough situat

6. Your most memorable actio
unknown): See #8

7. There were several other
you cite instances in whi
your efforts: No.

8. It may help you to review
Eight Days; D-Day to Bast
GFA History) to refresh m
wrote home about some of
book of this nature. Desc
time we were at Bastogne
mid-January: C-Co. 501 wa
I saw this man waving a coa
I thought he was a farmer.
22 Germans. They immediate
the stomach. Went down and
this German pointed toward
we left Bastogne for France

As a replacement, P
Infantry Regiment as
of the heavier weapon
cleaning. McEwan was

I was a machine g
in open trucks. I
have the right clot
just outside of Bas
can wait here until
with the rest of th
I walked into a woo
tube and some shell
sight. I had to do
farmhouse and the B
a large old coal or
a sergeant were in
rest on some haysta
morning, with a bel
headed east (I thin
Tiger tank fired a
moved out again alo
machine gun at the
front of me. I was
cover my right flan
firing off to my le
up my machine gun a
single railroad tra
machine gun belt th
railroad track. Th
I could hear bullet
loose and ran down
fight. It finally
quite a while. I d
moving forward. I
and foggy. I set u
action. I couldn't
front of me. As th
I could hear them t
were committing the
came closer and clo
see their faces, bu
gun back and forth.
first two Germans a
about six inches of
the ground and it w
panicked. I heard
heard some of them
could see, there we
way behind the Germ
move would be I hea
it was my own unit
finally came up beh

unit. I set up my m
Germans had. I open
The Germans had no w
to knock me out. I
knocking the trees d
back. The concussion
out of my eyes, nose
surrendering. As we
one prisoner made a
shot him.

We later moved to
been on Hill 510. W
cold and blowing sno
It had been burning
From my position I
fire. I wished that
down there. I had a
short of weapons and
cold and someone die
down to our fox hole
German soldier that
him with my machine
back to Bastogne one
It being so cold it
a bar. We didn't ge
able to get a cantee
a Tiger tank came ou
He didn't see us but
It sent the chickens
all kinds or racket
they were the highes
thought we were gett
was a BAR man off on
air and started wavi
up with the machine
see them. We later
they were 327th. One
my platoon sergeant
one had loaned me wh
heard footsteps runn
ing it was a German
shots at the dark fi
shooting at me?' I a
for not letting me k
It wasn't long aft
Bastogne. My feet w
stilts. The medics
turning color. They
think it was going t

After discharge from
to his unit, Christoph
Squadron. He remained

Rna
HO

Sergeant Sam Rel
T/5 John F. Alti
Speaking of th
ning of the 17th
and take the roa
sixty miles in
(Frank) McClure
the bundles wher
paused, looked a
we all followed
back and I will
"We jumped abo
We had a short s
town but that's
a road beside a
canal bank. John
guns just across
(Frank) Gregg.
S'Hertogenbosch)
a small group (a
were. It was rou
back to the rail
in the day we go
captured the Jer
"We were in Ve
Later we had Bri
also. It was rou
killed or wounde
"On October 4t
of the river acr
the British Dors
Division. I spe
time I was assig
much of the fell
of free time and
ing in a Dutch h
couple of fellow
Johnny and all t
because I was no
shot the br ther

I was nicked in
station and was
ated back to Eng
and had only bee
called out to ba
Company E for qu
Butcher was kill
then they moved
been told)."

IND

NAME HARRY TITUS Mc

CURRENT ADDRESS Box 116

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATTE

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? YES
NORMANDY MISSION? OVA

(A) What was the mission of y
TO BE THERE.
ME ANYTHING.

(B) Did anything unusual happ
WE MADE IT!

(C) Do you recall names of ot
glider? NO.

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? R
Medic? AV

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? CAN'T
DROP - HAD PASS TO
CALLED BACK. NO

(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during
WAS A MEMORABL
WHEN YOU WERE

Dee!
I'm just not

(I) What was your most harrow
branches of the Rhine Riv
NARROW BOT N
NARROW ESCAPE
ONCED A PHONE
BACK & THEN A

(J) Describe some of the ways
six-week sojourn on the i
yourself and others?) AS
NCREASE WHAT WAS
EATING OF-TAIL SO
YOU COMPLAINED A
ISLAND IS

(K) Do the actions of any ind
the Holland operation? N
due)

(L) In what way(s) were you e
WAS THERE

(M) What is your most vivid m
PEOPLE KEEP

(N) Have you ever gone back t
NO. If yes, were you at
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what you
OH MY GOD,

(P) Have you exchanged visits
SURE If Yes, name some of

S/

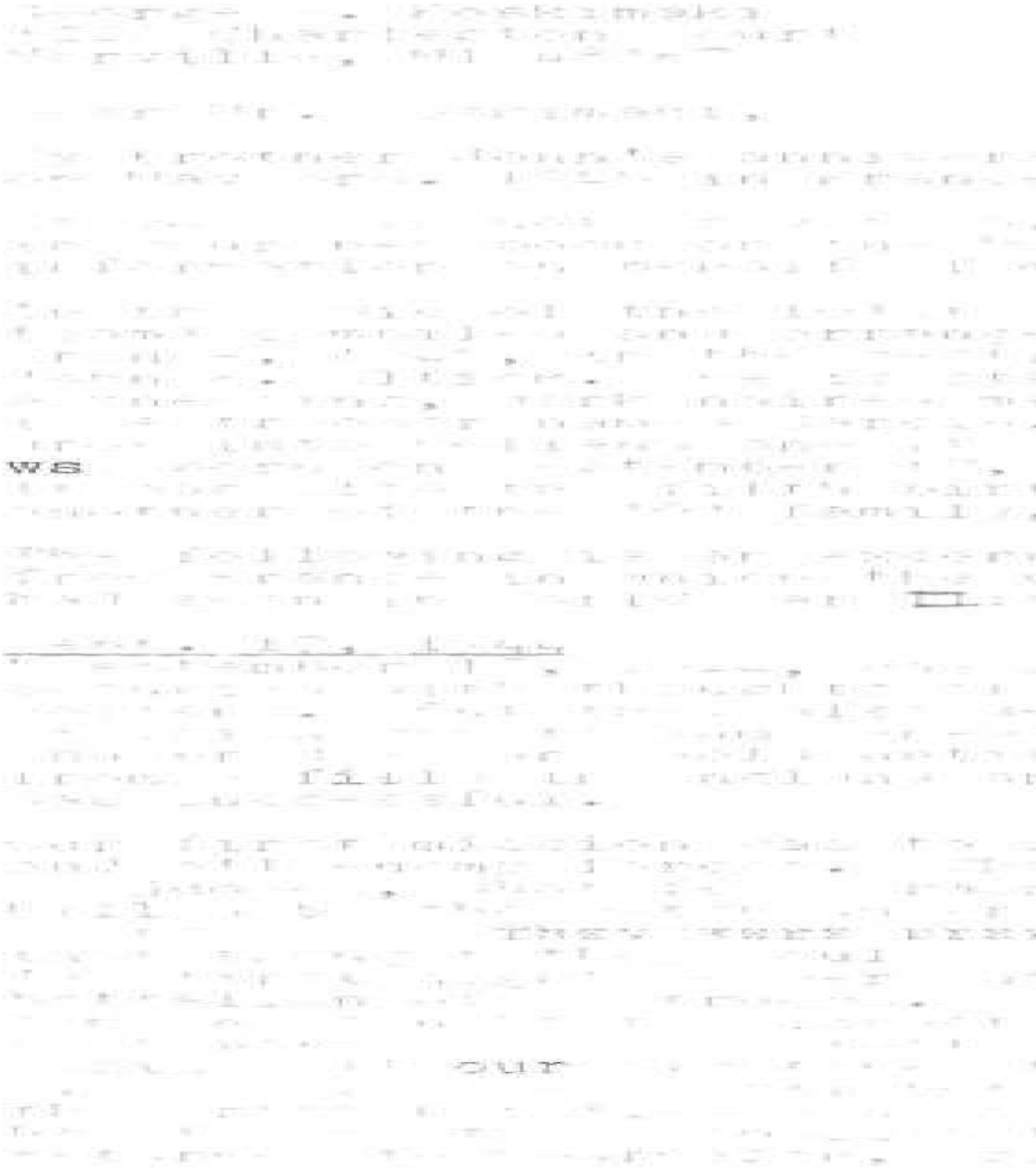
Sgt Kenney did
recuperating from
Battle of the Bul

"The 2nd Platoo
in Holland and qu
wounded. Harry Mo
transpired that n
for you. Harry Mo
E/501 has a very
is married to Har
five Altick siste
Mourmelon a day o
a couple years ag

Cpl John
Altick S

In the Epic of
a Great Fighting
Relations Office
Holland Invasion
the plane, smili
facing front, wh
Garcia. The pict
Holland and it w
born on Septembe
Ave. It was also
married to anoth

If you have no
use in your new
information from
buddies, one fro



In another letter from
of the Holland invasion

I'm awfully sorry I
but I hate to take
a funeral but I
can't help it

The morning of the 17th
jumps and take the route
near Grave. The
The British
stream. Assembly

I crossed Groot
sixty miles
jumpmaster and
me. Johnny
I passed the
the green

In jumping about two
short chroma
we saw until
hill soft-
lightfoot
leading back
Herbosinbosch
xxxxxxxxxxx
small
pouch.
bridge
attack

We were in Arnhem until
British began
Dy Company
on October 7th.
across from
Infantry
the 3 fox hole
ammunition
a couple of hours
couple of
the flowers
them. I
That was the
left.
me if he
and had
Nijmegen.
while
the
for a

Sergeant Tyndale
too swift at
to accept

Sincerely,

Jean C

Capt Bi

Promoted from p
of Fox Company of
D-Day was much ea
Somehow I landed
as I recall. I ha
F Company, "had m
did a great job i
commanded 'I' Com
at Warden.

"I recall such
fights and enjoyi
e newcomer to the
was a pletoon lea
recollections but
railroad track ca
the men stopped a
other occasion we
in the 'D' Compan
line. We talked f
inspecting the li
was a tremendous
time.

Harrowing experi
a spent slug whil
the left arm just
shrapnel I would
could not dodge i

Increasing crea
too. We had a you
best meals (and c
humor that kept u

INI

NAME & (Rank) Capt Bill Merger

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/~~BATT~~

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? Either

b/ Bell and I wanted me a

(A) What was the mission of y
we were to take ou
erected along the d

(B) Did anything unusual happ

(C) Do you recall names of ot
glider? I simply can

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? Z
Medic?

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? At sept. 17, a
Head - I had seven Lieuta
Leaders from Love
C.O.F. They were, from
being the Co. I before
Battalion the Capt Co

(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memoreable experiences during
I recall such things
sight & enjoying it
I was a new comer at
been so. I was
I came Normandy -
Fortunes. when th
I my good friend. It
like any first on the
believe when we. I
were we visited me & t
we talked, & he pr
always showed better
I believe Capt Pete

(I) What was your most harrow
branches of the Rhine Riv
a "spent" slug i
I got hit on
it Must been a
have lost m

(J) Describe some of the ways
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) We
We had a young
our cook — Hu
stew & apple
kept us ac

(K) Do the actions of any ind
the Holland operation? __
due) _____

(L) In what way(s) were you a
Not dir

(M) What is your most vivid m

(N) Have you ever gone back t
no. If yes, were you at
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what you
appointed furniture
I Became a Sect
first operational

(P) Have you exchanged visite
yes If Yes, name some of
Eugene Ambrogi, Bill Sl
Charles
I am organized a com
to direct my life & my
the Pittsburgh Chapter

Bill Morgan (F/501)

118 Chestnut St. [illegible]

Hartshorne, OK 74547

Dear fellow Screaming

Can you help me? I a
101st Airborne Divisi
account of the men wh

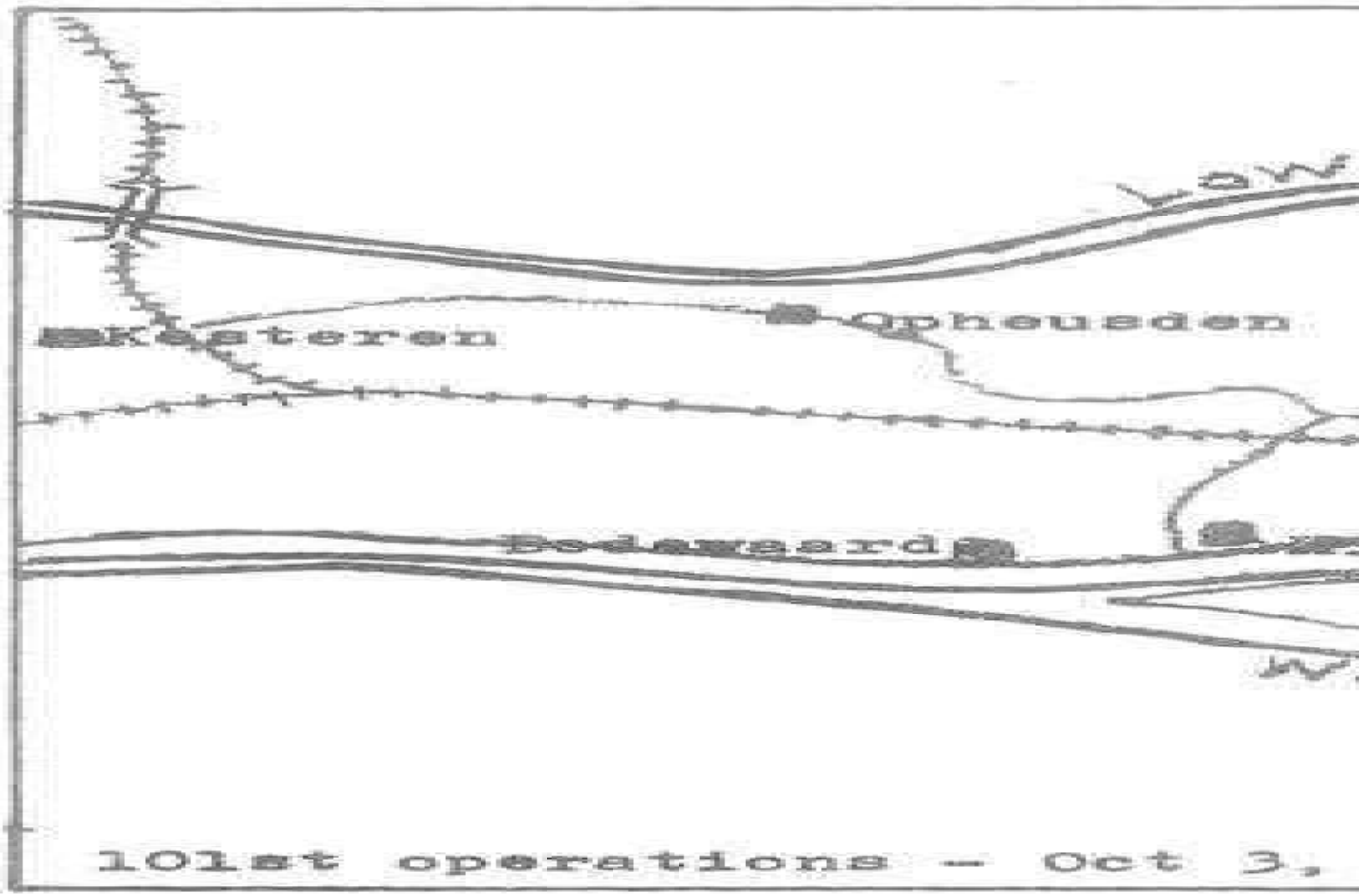
Perhaps you have an i
you wrote while memor
mind as you glance ov
asking you to send th
and with the cobwebs
assistance. You may
credit for his work,
the history of your c
November 27, 1944--th
I want to include the
sized units which par
rounded picture of th

During my three years
Company and parachute
Maxwell D. Taylor. I
le-Hesse in the Battl

I visited the Normand
was researching D-DAY
participate in a mock
BATTLE) as part of th
100 former Screaming
sary trip to England,

D-DAY WITH THE SCREAM
1944 was like for the
ing 54 company/battery
was fitted together l
S.L.A. Marshall repor
the most factual and
written. The late Fra
chapter. Gen. A.C. Mc
The late Colonel Mich
chapter. Our D-Day di
Higgins wrote the for

Several former office
account of the Holla
of my airborne buddie
retired, I can devote
the poject cannot be
plan to assist -- it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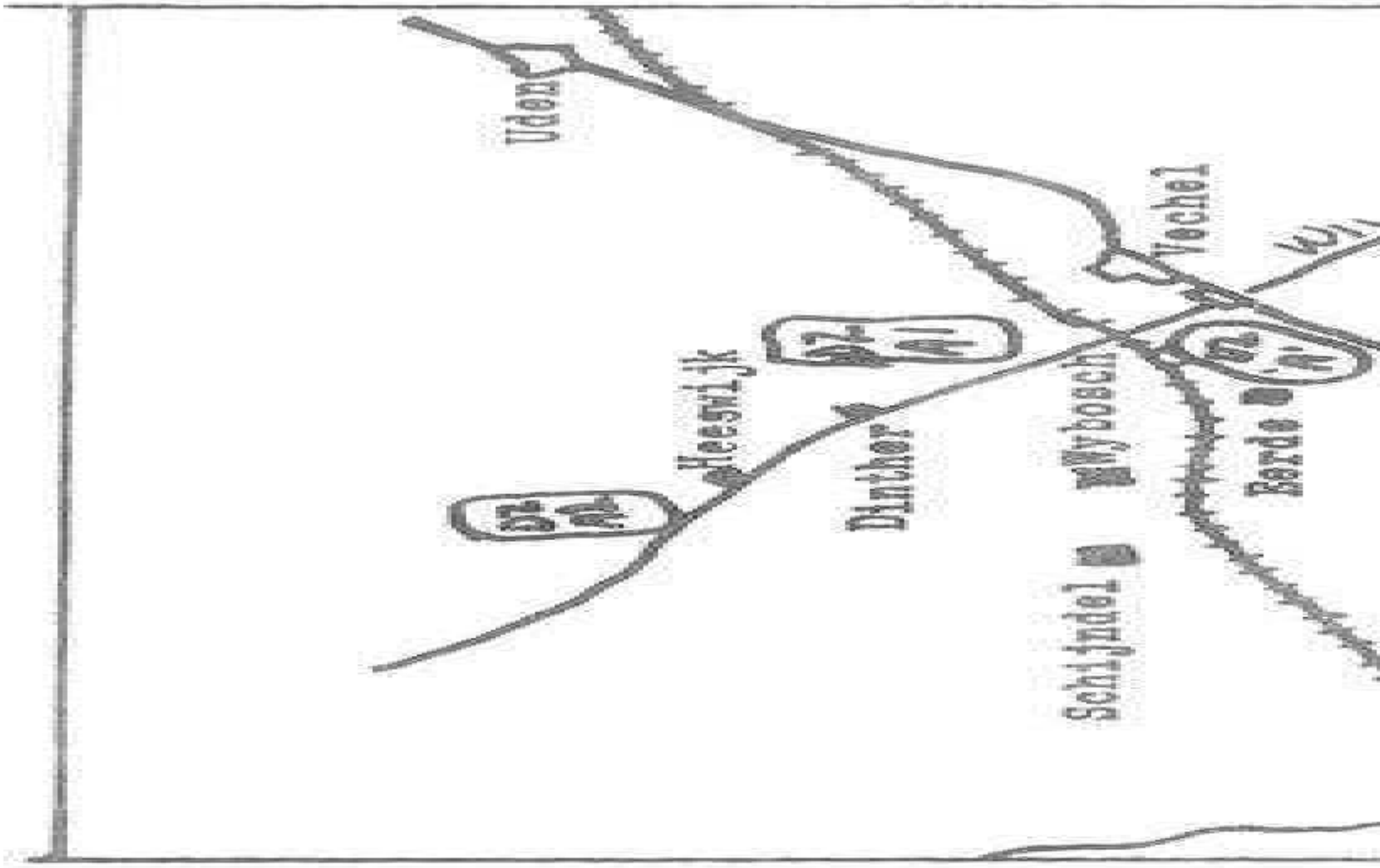
Uden
Veghel
Heeswijk
Dinther
Schijndel
Berde

FROM THE DESK O

Dear George,

Let me first ar
delay in reply
my grandson wh

George it is a b
on things such
notes, maps, an
years ago. To b
notes. If I rea
help me. This
as an enlisted m
er six cadets wi
Watch for jump s
short period to
Fricano Training
Dec 12, 1942.
Irving Johnson in
Lucky he kept

FROM THE DESK O

*[illegible] much the war
unite during [illegible]
se a platoon lea
int [illegible]
[illegible] the Colonel
of [illegible] when Cam
company a lot
little bar [illegible]
about it really
by several [illegible]
when the mail [illegible]
into trouble [illegible]
office. The [illegible]
company commander
was always [illegible]
anything that
it rank to let
see that I got

FROM THE DESK O

FROM THE DESK O

~~basket~~ tonic
U.S. Postal Serv
and thinking too
my write about
would really lik
realize how much
figure by page.

I hope you enjoy
about everything
as for me I rem
thankful to be li
in the first.

Dear -
Look at related items
it not co listing -
Does anyone
top of the li
attached mail - Re
at Ed Hughes pho
Send Jewelers, C
Co. Beg

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"I rememter Sgt
and in charge of
plete with him --
uncanny accuracy
view of what he w
on a round, sight
target. Wee uncer

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NAME + RANK PFC JOHN MAROHN

CURRENT ADDRESS 6901 E. Bak

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/~~BATTE~~

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? Glider
Jeep

(A) What was the mission of y
Secure a certain hi

(B) Did anything unusual happ

(C) Do you recall names of ot
glider? No

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? _
Medic? Ros

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? Utter

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(H) Much action took place be
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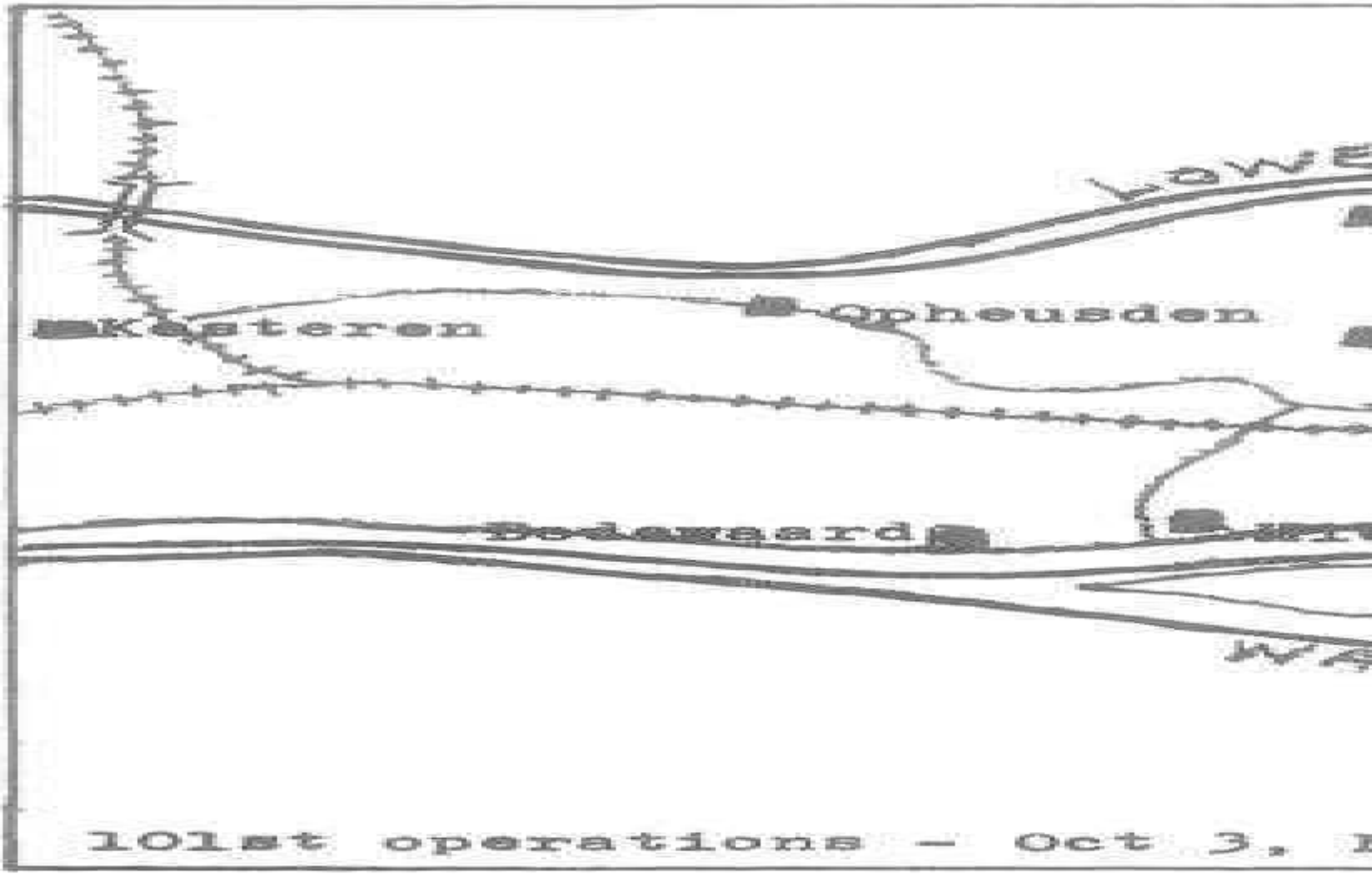
memorable experiences during
Rushed off the Glider
Jeep at Objective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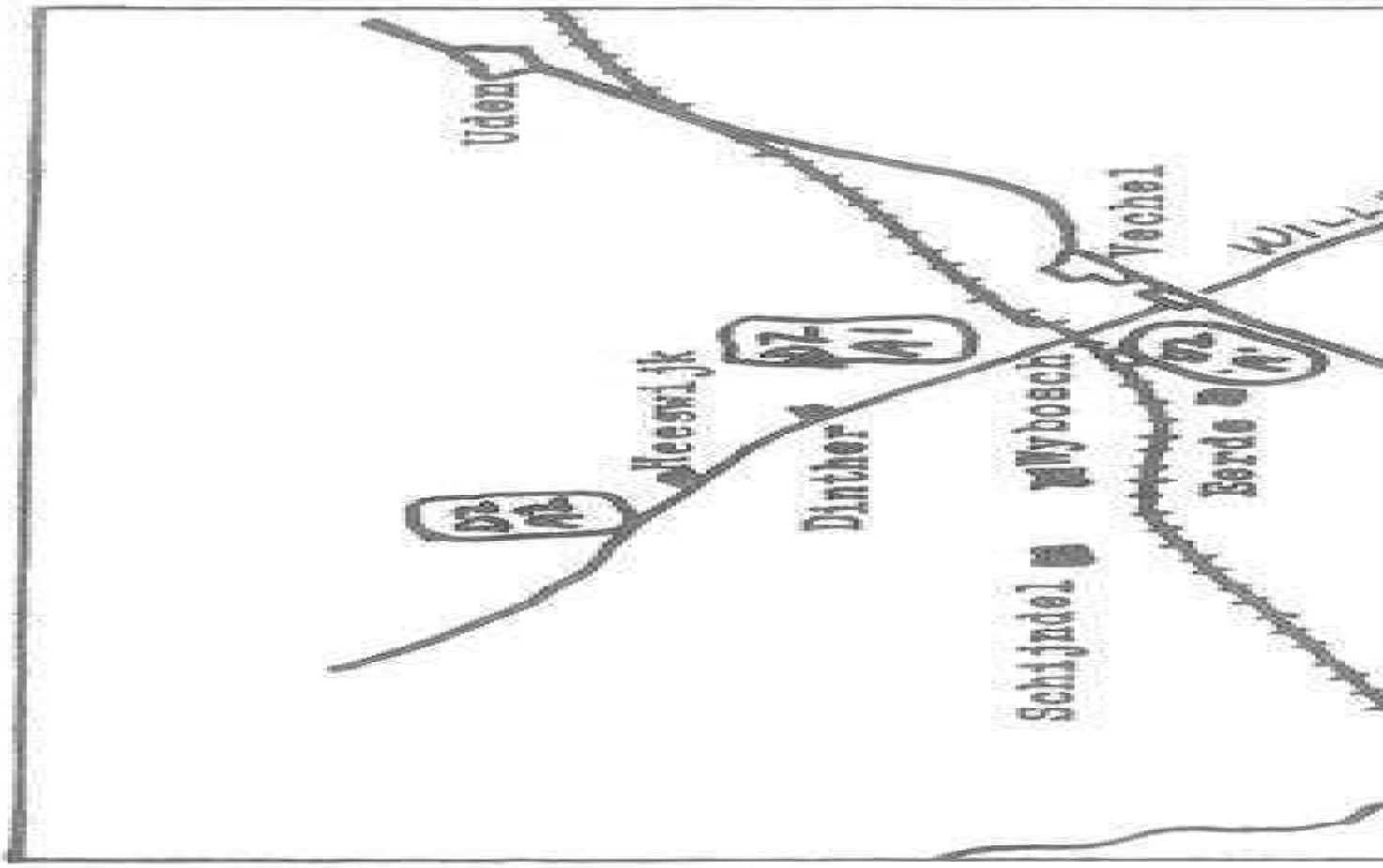
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Veghel
Heeswijk
Dinther
Schijndel
Berde

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?)____

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation? __
due) _____

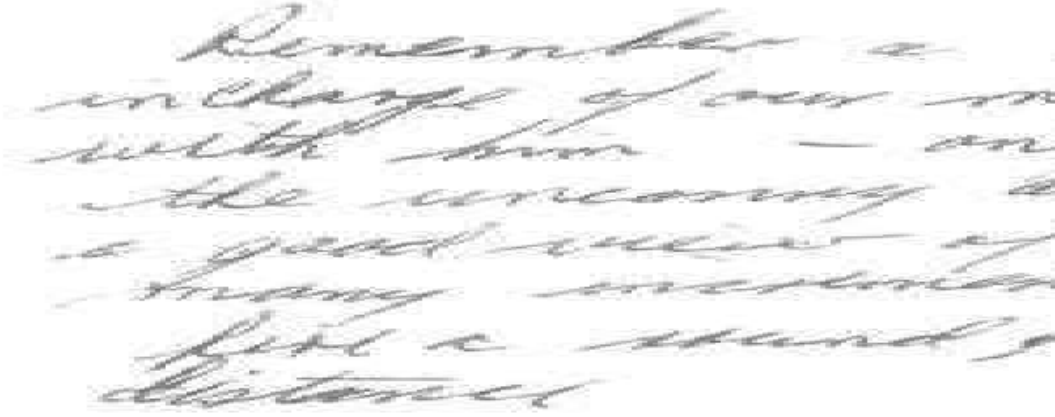
(L) In what way(s) were you

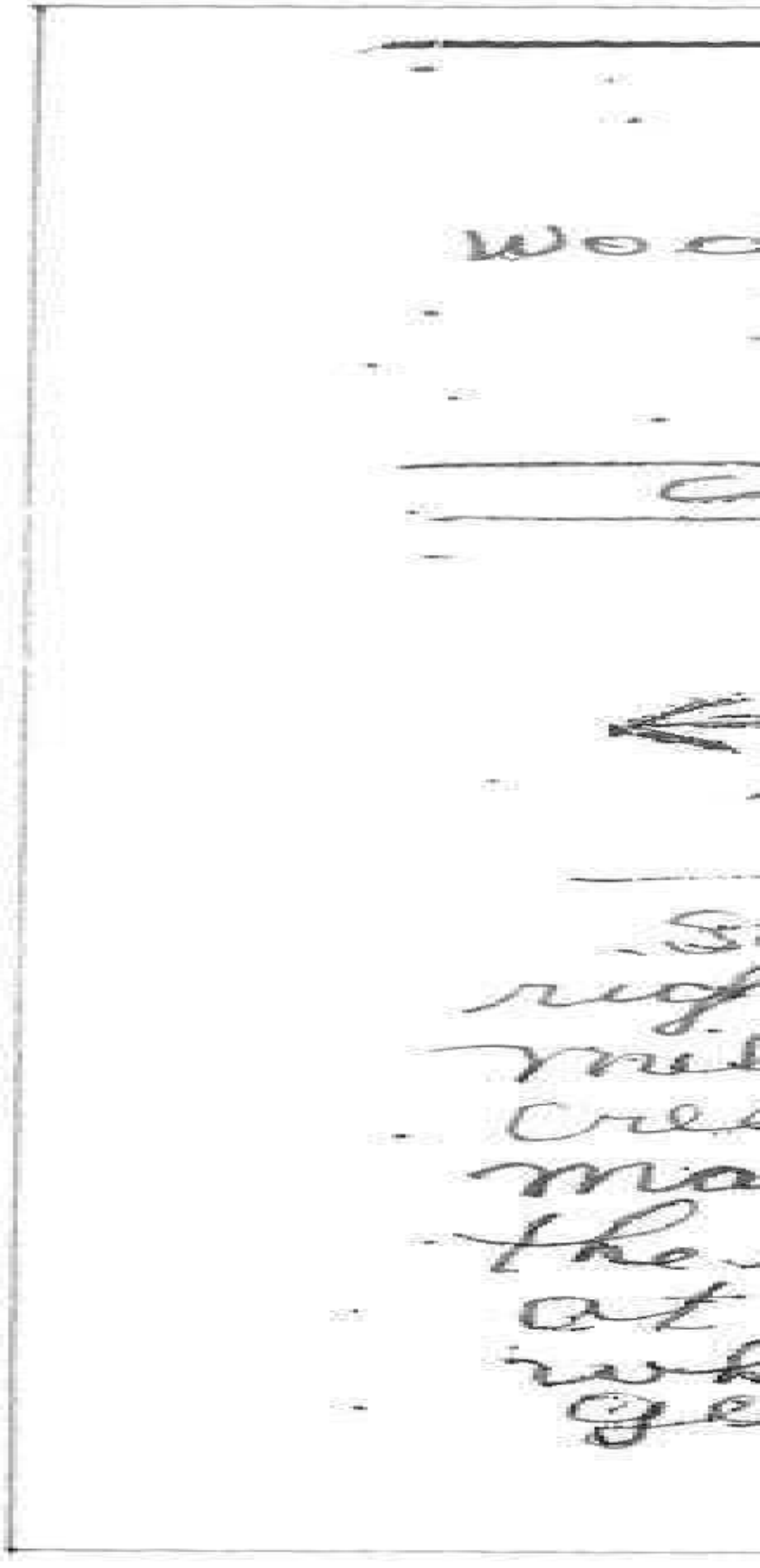
(M) What is your most vivid
[illegible]

(N) Have you ever gone back
No. If yes, were you a
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what yo
Went to the Unit
Met & Saw Old

(P) Have you exchanged visit
____ If Yes, name some of





Pvt Henr

For Pvt Henry A.
Holland jump occu
bullet-filled sky.
hit by the enemy u

"That Sunday mo
territory on our l
trooper in front o
the body of the pl
cable and sat down

Recalling that
platoon leader and
N. Papich, Robert
Leone, Joseph T. M

"My first day i
bedly sprained ank
cracked sternum ca
disc that cuts the
was diving down to
mph. I jumped and

"I remember more
relieving the Engl
neys of the houses
the Germans on the
teers to go across
English troops tha
These troops were
I also remember a
dropped to help th
his left hook with
to get to Vechel w
24 hours. Result h

Most harrowing
with the 88s comin
I had on several o
dike. I had a bike
problem because ev

Increasing comb

craps. I won much
barber when we ge
troops.

For bravery: "
"Jumpy" Johnson a
Company sector. H
went up to Co "D"
Snodgrass told hi
ignored the capta
the Company "I" C
Johnson was a bra
Regiment.

"Captain (Louis
the same day that
his medics to eva
and his medics dr
safety. He showed
help from the I
up our chutes. We
higher command th

Most vivid memo
the plane. The pi
chute opened with
panels."

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NAME & Rank: (Ret.) Henry A.

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATT

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NORMANDY INVASION? yes
NORMANDY MISSION? Yes we

about 1:30 PM - Jay in the

(A) What was the mission of

the reason I was

near over U.S. at

(B) Did anything unusual happ

that Sunday morning when

(C) Do you recall names of o

~~glider~~? plane See a

(D) Who was in charge of tha

(E) Who was your company/bat

was Cpt. Ronald A. Brown Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant?

Medic? Lucc

(G) What recollections do yo

this mission? My first

concert with a

that I got on the

lecture hall under

away from the body.

toward the ground and

(use additional space if ne

(H) Much action took place b

island between the two bran

memorable experiences durin

to the area of the land

they didn't dive about

they were in. We

on the other side. I co

so across the river in

the troops that went

these troops were Engl

I also remember a Ger

dropped to help the Engl

took with is taken prisone

Army was to get to Vierv

our troops in 24 hrs. wa

(I) What was your most harrow
branches of the Rhine Riv
er. Lines used
I had a several
on the dike I had a
presented a problem

(J) Describe some of the ways
six-week sojourn on the i
yourself and others?) We
a lot of crap. I
I was the Co. Cor
would cut the

(K) Do the actions of any ind
the Holland operation? I
due) The day that a
(Jumped as he was
he was a great leader and he

(L) In what way(s) were you a
The under gro
picking up a
person who worke

(M) What is your most vivid m
self, I was in the
was heading for the
opened with a tre
flare pistol

(N) Have you ever gone back t
No. If yes, were you ab
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what you
a high school & joining the
wife Jane and I had three
the Army in college. Nov
later I was invited into

(P) Have you exchanged visits
Yes If Yes, name some of
of his home in South Bedford,
Amelia Island, and
food and drink. We e
war stories and re
until he was let g
was a excellent

C

The following
Sept 17th
SSg t. Franklin
Pvt. Kenneth
Pvt. James H.
Pvt. Ernest
Pvt. Alton
Pvt. Harold J.
Cpl. William
Cpl. John L.
Pvt. Bernard
Pvt. Samuel
Pvt. Woodrow
Pfc. William
Cpl. Wesley
Sgt. Louis
Pvt. Henry

R

Pvt. Johnson,
the shells
stay away
ignored
the Cpl
C. P. to
killed.
leader.

(k)

Capt Lyklund, ...
on the same
head and lo...
wounded tw...
the captain a...
three mortar...
the shower...

George, I ...
I don't get ...
to read ab...
I may add ...
me if he
it's late ...

CPL CHARLES

THE FOLLOWING IS
RITZLER:

Sept. 17 (Sunday)

Newsreel happened
Number 19 man and
field. We took p
them. Two men fe
they jumped us o
First to the bri
2nd bridge by sn
Germen tank came
it--no effect. R
snipers. joined
all men in it wh
town cleaned out

Sept. 18 (Monday

us milk and appl
a little--all se
bad limp. He hit
didn't work. Man
he got at the br
of beer. Tastes
and had another

Sept. 19 (Tuesda

Report of large
position with 88
Saw no signs of
our platoon was

Sept. 20 (Wednes

grenaded the riv
Germans. Shelled
houses burning.
gliders staved t

Sept. 21 (Thursd

post. Blew up se
People again bro
Just before dark
planes. Don't kn

Sept. 22 (Friday
luck. Roasted co
noon and went ba
with their machi
they could have
fired upon about
was really the f
further down. Ju
who had 17 men.
looked us over a
400 rounds from
a hand grenade.
pared for a hot
Sept. 23 (Saturd
ing grenades at
the stray bullet
We had 15. Could
bridge. They att
them down and ba
and Schneider we
the (MG) gun. Fi
effect s of a ma
ttack beaten of
wounded. Glider
our area. 40 dea
took over the tr
regiment, last r
NE of town. So w
and cleaned our
went to bed on t
Sept. 24 (Sunday
rations and hed
three of us play
near the bridge.
see how we made
sleep.
Sept. 25 (Monday
house. They made

(which is rotten
across men but w
der had two pist
supply sergeant
had crossed the
regiment had cle
those to our fro
in the captured
Sunday Choate an
also four more i
was bad. Monte —
Seemed like all
time one whined.
sleepless night.
that the main ro
injured.

Sept. 26 (Tuesda
pretty close up
as it rained all
in the house nea
but must have be

Sept. 27 (Wednes
all day. Dave We
the attack and o
afternoon. Captu
Spent a cold nig

Sept. 28 (Thursd
and giving us su
Still held our l
sleep. Buck (Wes
for the Silver S
running out in m
quite an honor t
day.

Sept. 29 (Friday
platoon moved to
One lit five yar

Ears rang all ni
him out in time.
On both sides. W
men left. Took M
from rain and so
sleep all night
Sept. 30 (Saturd
of ours - left G
Found out we wer
the day and enot
our other positi
much it meant.
Oct. 1 (Sunday):
out and caught 3
were there. Litt
since all the di
over or pound th
from town each d
Oct. 2 (Monday):
awaited us and s
one time.
Oct. 3 (Tuesday)
man gave me a ha
into town and sa
morning and read
Oct. 4 (Wednesda
and walked out t
from Arnhem wher
Rhine. We walked
British about de
be able to stand
Oct. 5 (Thursday
stuff across the
dark but a machi
Believe I dug a
Germans all day.
letting them run

3rd Platoon and
and killed two (
Arvizo and Johns
found a gallon o
some cherry juic
cold at night.
Oct. 6 (Friday):
factory where Je
2, really is a r
stomach by morta
They'll help a l
opened up with a
Went in my hole
Oct. 7 (Saturday
it while shootin
act as platoon s
it. He died earl
was all for his
either rhubard o
panther piss. Ab
by drinking. Mor
but knocked the
and Pennington's
if there here to
not we not some
used the same ta
steady stream of
as it rings all
Oct. 8 (Sunday:
Germany. Got Kil
ting better. Kil
of a house and g
meal. Fired mort
day to keep up t
relief tomorrow.
you've heard abo

two yards from h

Oct. 9 (Monday):
a wash too. Had
goose for tomorr
some of the stra
Just enough to c
came back early
wood alcohol and
remember the com
a liz old Fethe
lotties--did me

Oct. 10 (Tuesday
landed all roun
cese or white po
at night--really
baseball and foo
to cover up with
slept good.

Oct. 11 (Wednesd
canned fruit and
the river and tr
and hitting the
pistol. Then wes
put in for the 3
proud. We were s
really spent s e
around 5 in the
hits on the hous
bad.

Oct. 12 (Thursda
Got four rabbits
found a luger on
was pitch dark.
took the fectory
the river pretty

Oct. 13 (Friday)

by morter. mostl
and Simme both f
it with one shel
are dead. Kuzma
to us so company
relieved us afte
jumpy. I was mye
back and didn't
Cousin --(fertin
Oct. 14 (Saturda
my mustache--nee
me if she could
and mail call--I
it must be the s
Division and awe
Dempsey. Only te
ite en honor. Tu
what counts. Th
Not too much to
thankful that I'
alive if I hadn'
night then most
those made by wi
comee quick and
are stacked again
really accomplie
moment. I know I
what happens. I
I'm changing tho
independent, not
orn fight back -
shoot a dog s wh
house a big poli
out giving it a
This is over? I
got intentionall

firing ceased--a
with a lunch of
out thinking--wh
and nothing reall
like that would
yet are they? Do
Oct. 15 (Sunday)
ling--sure was g
them--also took
German planes ov
hold of the took
good . Is gettin
till about that
if you're wet an
Oct. 16 (Monday)
most of the day.
and reviewed by
throat to see ho
ppointing. We f
at Rheims in Fra
and to think I h
why you keep on
Oct. 17 (Tuesday)
Am getting used
the main line aze
take his arm off
good.
Oct. 18 (Wednesd
as Pr reserve. W
hole. We found s
squed and a Limey
our ammo from on
good. They sure
They say they wi
Oct. 19 (Thursda
night. We set up

Our whole 'Magpi
played poker all
others went acro
shore. Beall had
know how I swim.
am trying at a d
tell you how it
Oct. 20 (Friday)
four men and rec
Langston, Pop en
helmets and blec
a ways in the ru
petrol--rining
followed the riv
pistol in an aba
done a good jot.
Oct. 21 (Saturda
also trimmed my
chow. My patrol
town on the line
and found someth
cards--we'll hav
Oct. 24 (Tues):
Could hear them
less "No Mans La
lots of German a
for about five d
Oct. 25 (Wed): C
was time to move
well zeroed in b
the night and cl
Came in around d
Maybe they'll ge
Oct. 26 (Thur):
rounds from our
bank we were ben

Oct. 27 (Friday)
Lots of fog and
strong now. Arti
about 0100 and w
vity. What a lif
Oct. 28 (Sat): T
Germans saw me a
across the river
okay. We were sh
relieved about 8
Got a good night
Nov. 7 (Tues): A
cain about the k
it to us if we w
Nov. 9 (Thur): S
Lost nine men. R
Nov. 10 (Fri): A
Sullivan had an
live. They were
Nov. 11(Sat): A
thing opened up
Germans answered
medic with a pis
Nov. 16 (Thur):
and shrapnel tor
out todey I've b
medal so guess I
Nov. 18 (Sat): W
ceremony but due
but only two E C
50 men go down t
British paratroo
Underground.
Nov. 23 (Thur):
hit the barn and
Guess was just l
at that I guess

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THEM RETURNED
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BRIDGE THAT WE
I DON'T KNOW W
MILLER WERE L
HOSPITAL I HA
FOLLOWING POEM

I TRY TO REMEM
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MORE THAN THE
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SO ONLY MOMENT
IT HAS ONLY BEE
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HOPING AGAIN T
HOW WE TRAINED
BUT IT MAY BE T
THEN IT WILL BE
FOR WHEN I HOOK
THAT WE'LL BE TO

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RIT

Dear George:

It was so

My wife (Norma)
in Orlando. It w
Stan Koss and E
had some good
the one who ca

Back to y

word about the
I did apply, an
coming from th
did not supply
if you could ge
a nice display o
and grandchildr

Your lett

things I have
however knew
and relived m
brought it to
never really
I have for the
diary of the
questions and
the things I d
seemed to thin
Maybe some da
you some of t
I found, it m
to read my
acquired the

"It was so quie
to all the anti-ai
were civilians all
wanting weapons or

Remembered as b
Smith, Pvt Donald
mandy we hardly kn
was my platoon lea

Recollections o
to locate the enem
or two fighting pi
canals and dikes w
highway or dike be
and well. We took
12 including mysel

"While on this
forth, not doing m
threads from suspe
other end to our g
ground. A couple h
of Hells Highway,
Johnson was killed
loss was a tough o

Harrowing experi
would be the upper
pigs would not eat

Assistance from
could. From my pöi
zones.

Most vivid memo
counterattacked, p
caught in a large
walked out of town

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NAME & Rank: Sgt Lawrence C.

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BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? very d
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(A) What was the mission of
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could proceed on

(B) Did anything unusual hap

(C) Do you recall names of c
glider? Sgt Guy Mart
replacements after mis

(D) Who was in charge of tha

(E) Who was your company/bat
SVC D GRASS Platc

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic? ?

(G) What recollections do yo
this mission? Real gu
the enemy. we be
fighting picked up
like wounded en
Heavy Losses thr

(use additional space if ne

(H) Much action took place t
island between the two bran
memorable experiences durin
we were passing Germa
side. myself wou
en. and to the road
stayed where they
all the routes of
at our Reg. com
Co. D's position
the col. was a

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri
Rhine, I was very
not eat on aft

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?)
were not looking
it would be

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation?
due)

(L) In what way(s) were you
The Dutch were wi
of view we did

(M) What is your most vivid
Except leave, the Ger
rear guard, we got
it dark we marched

(N) Have you ever gone back
NO. If yes, were you a
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what yo
worked 30 years
had a very pl
em. Hosp. at Temp

(P) Have you exchanged visit
If Yes, name some of
Cleyze Huckabee P.

Pvt Willi

Having suffere
William J. Houst
enemy but he mad
was able to perf
"I had taped my
in soft dirt--ea
don't think a sh
the plane got ba
dles had been hi
"I don't remem
it seemed they b
This was around
flanking the hig
post for the nig
get attacked tod
going to advance
was a sniper got
standing up behi
across the field.
bounce off the t
British had sever
got the tank. We
it was a trailer
the belt down. I
my leg was blown
of scrapiron had
out their stack
station which wa
had been knocked
know whose it wa
buddy of mine--c
compeny. We talk
I telieve Joseph
My leg, where th
our compeny at t
there to another
in but after we h

only moved a hun
with artillery.
"I remember mo
in a circle. Any
raining that nig
mally do. I went
my rifle. Then i
I awakened the o
to throw a grena
the road to see
that night. Gren
left. We had see
when in doubt--t
"After that we
know I stayed in
two feet of wate
in an apple orch
that I ate up on
"I guess it wa
that two compani
fore we got up t
factory between
along the dike u
"The Germans w
It was throwing
broke through th
plugged. Not lon
got it as the re
Heemies I heard.
"Cpl. Stevens
killed by the tr
in time.
"We tried to d
along the top of
shoot them almos
and they'd come

"I don't remem
peeping over the
his. We told him
high. Well it wa
scar on his head
that it got him
the bullet and t
your finger in.
hit, am I hit?'
"I looked over
remember one day
the other side o
tank by the flas
got the british
really laid the
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took a nap and w
away from him. I
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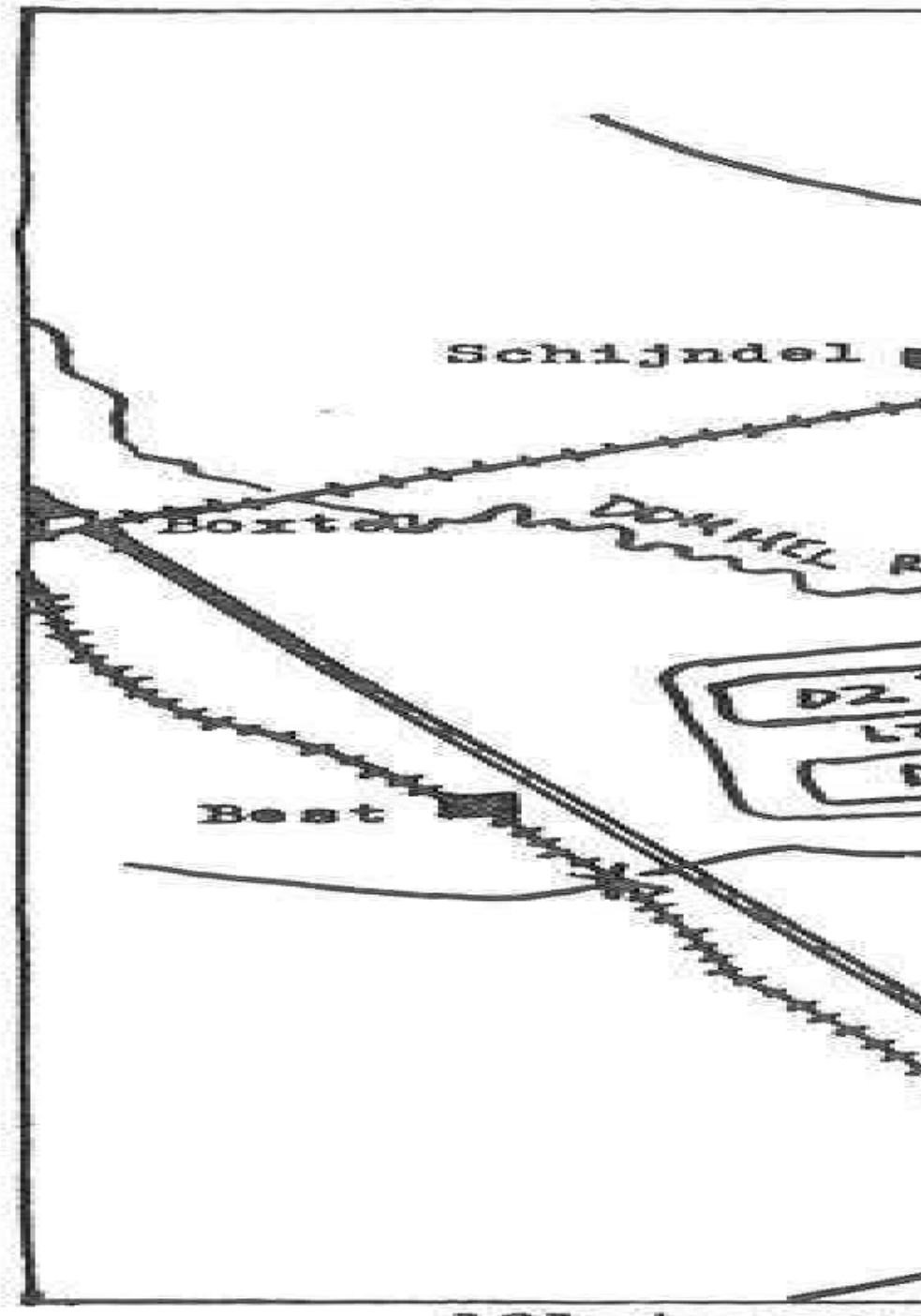

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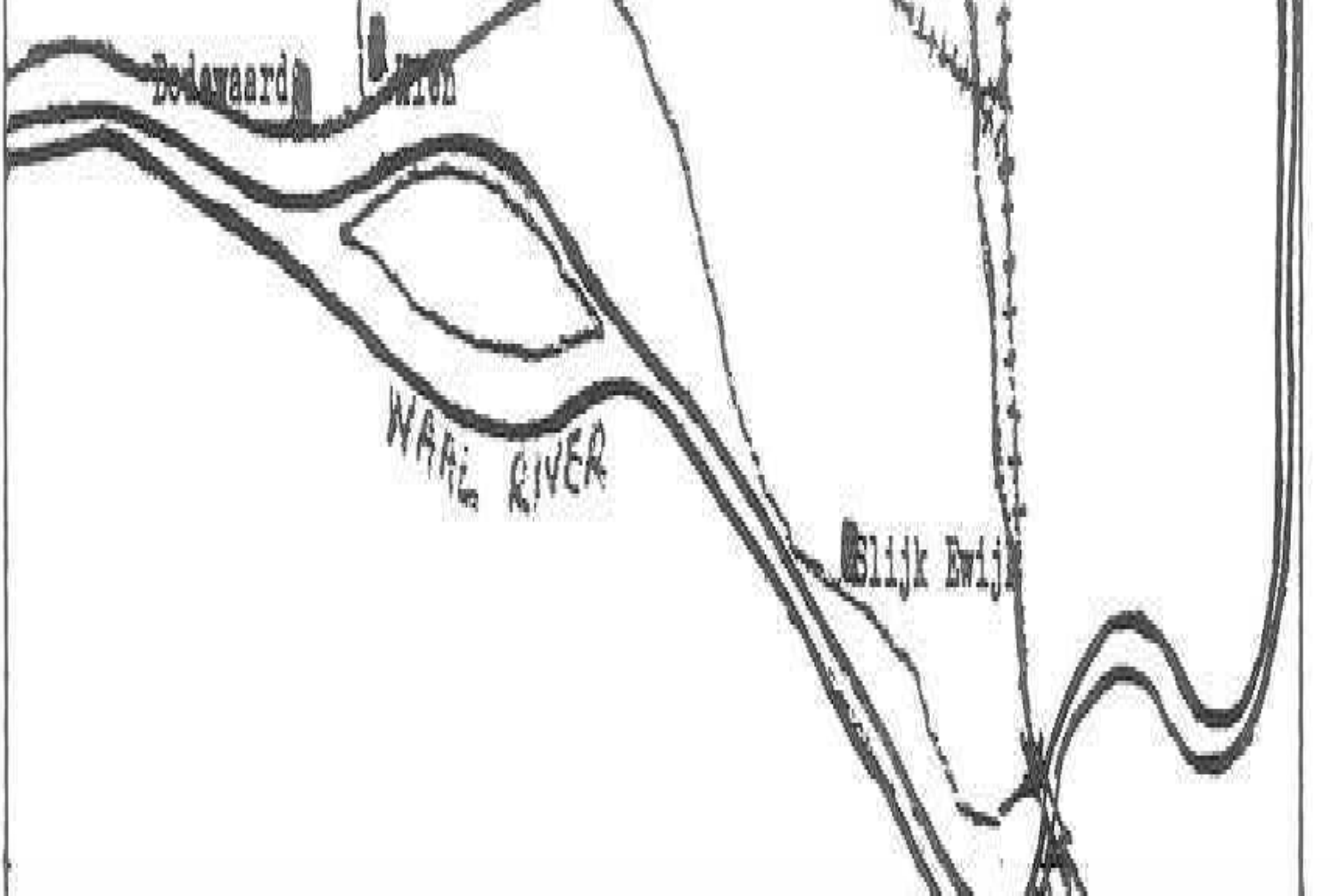
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NORMANDY INVASION? left

NORMANDY MISSION? Tilt ex

(A) What was the mission of yo

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(E) Who was your company/batte
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(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic?

(G) What recollections do you
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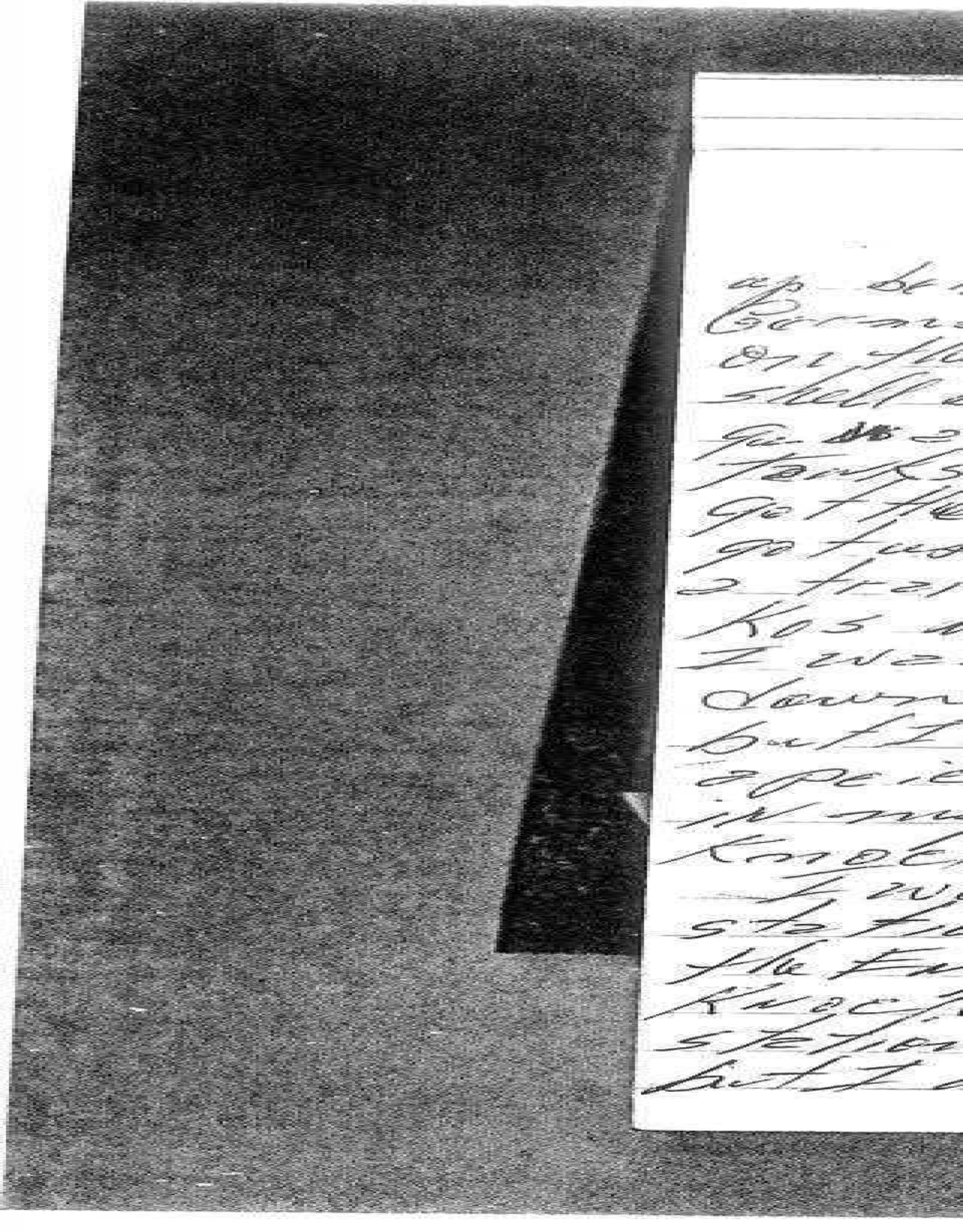

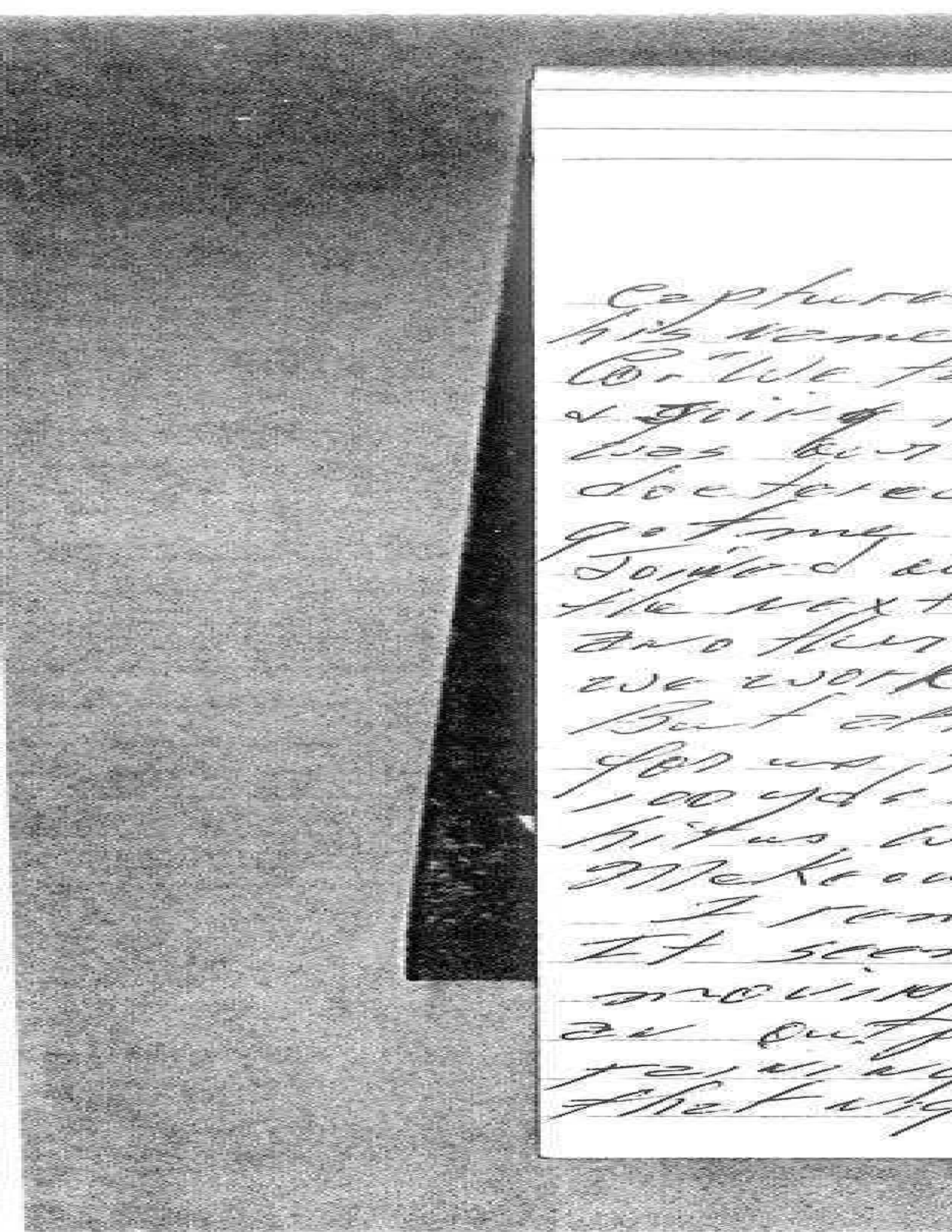

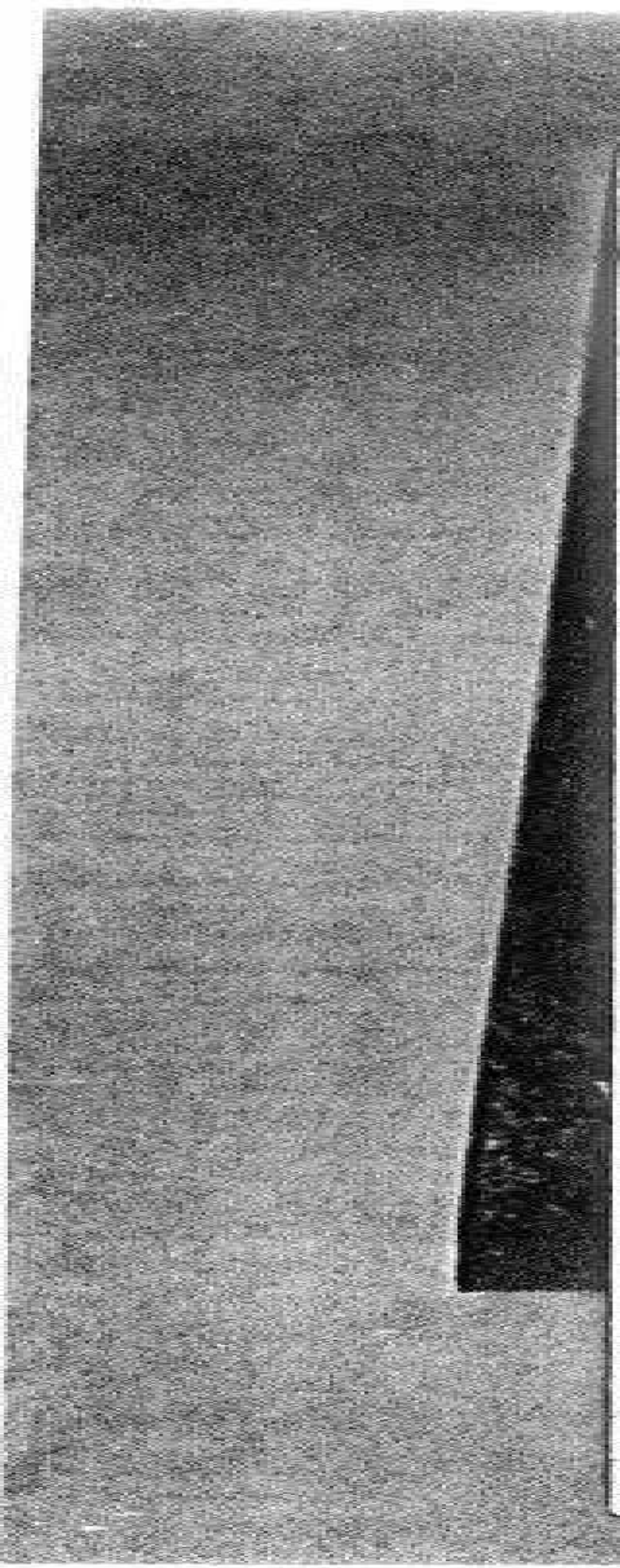

night. I think he
at least I have
he's in an apple
of such bitter
up for the Devil
I guess it was
to the life. He
to her mercies
we came up this
like to take
the Rhine
position [illegible]
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and we were
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the C. of
through - but
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in such [illegible]
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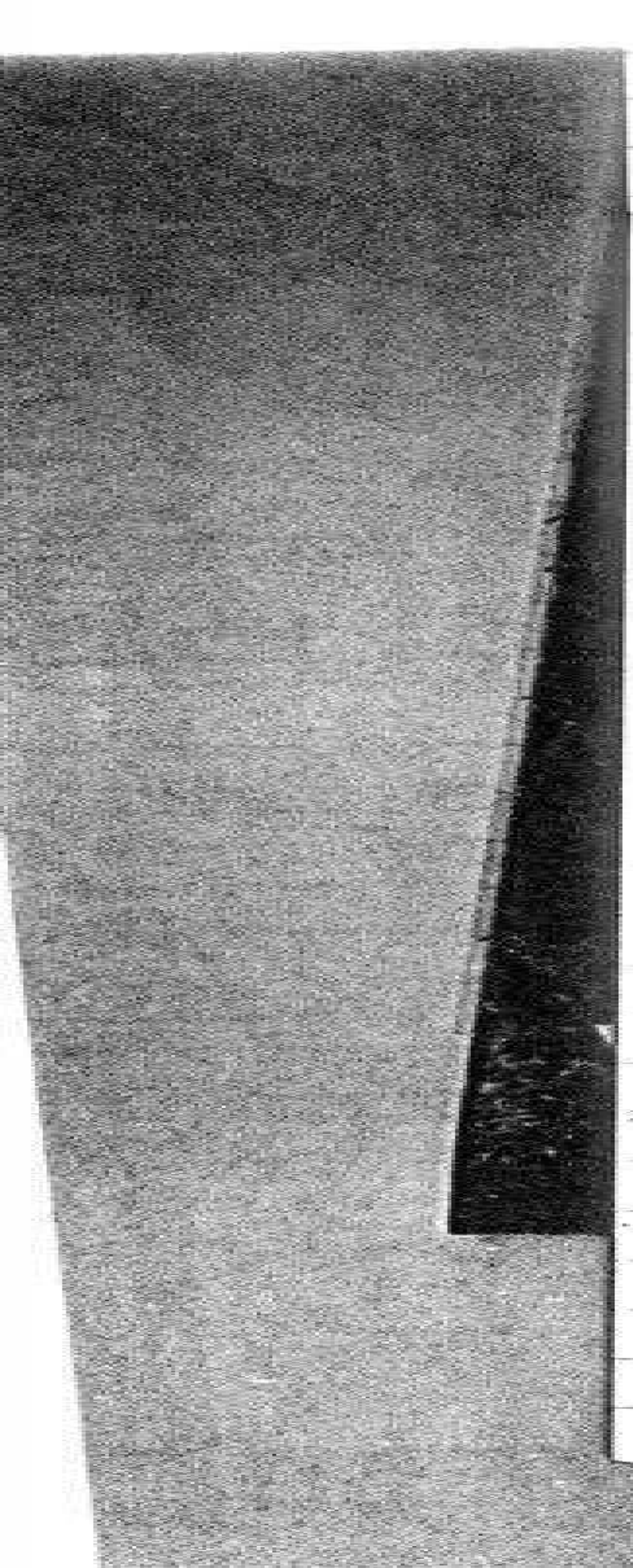

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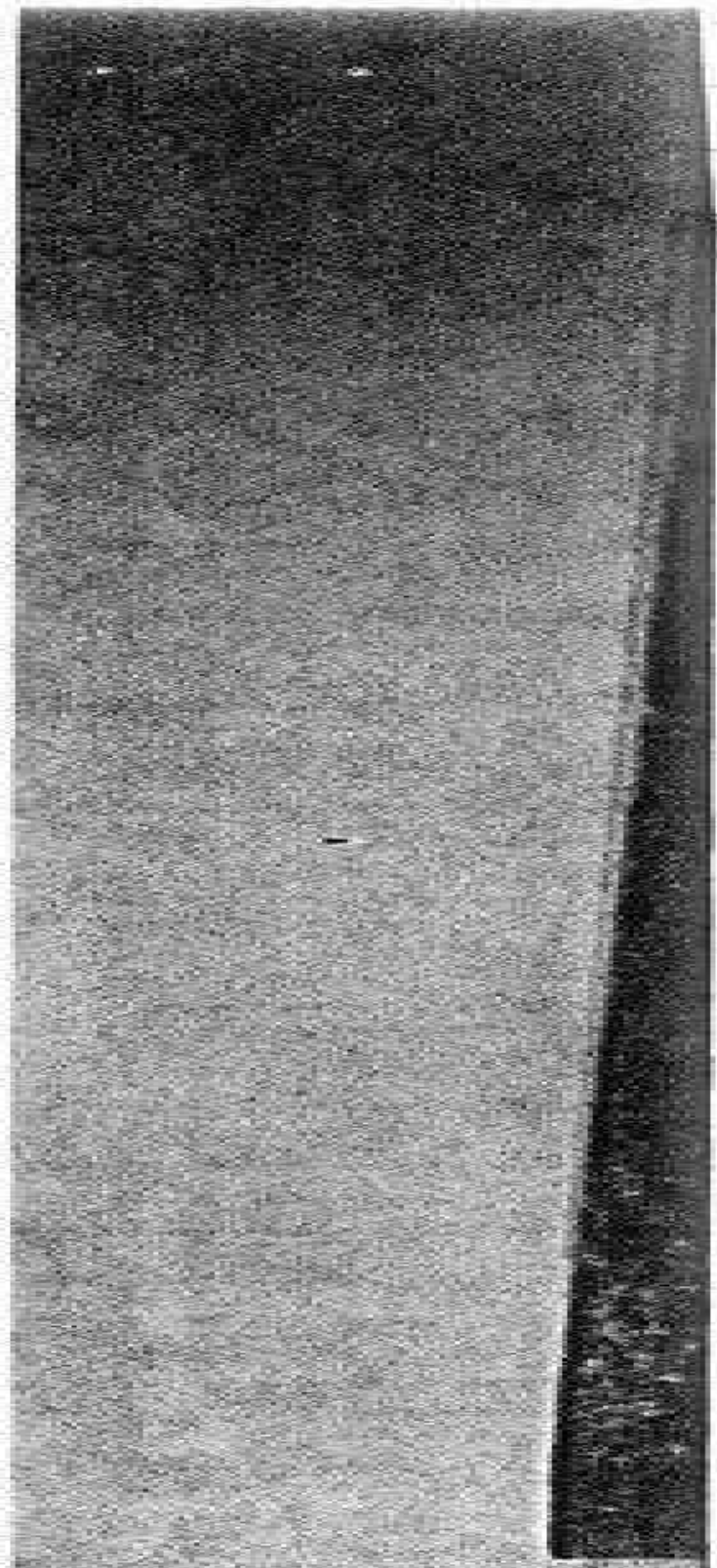

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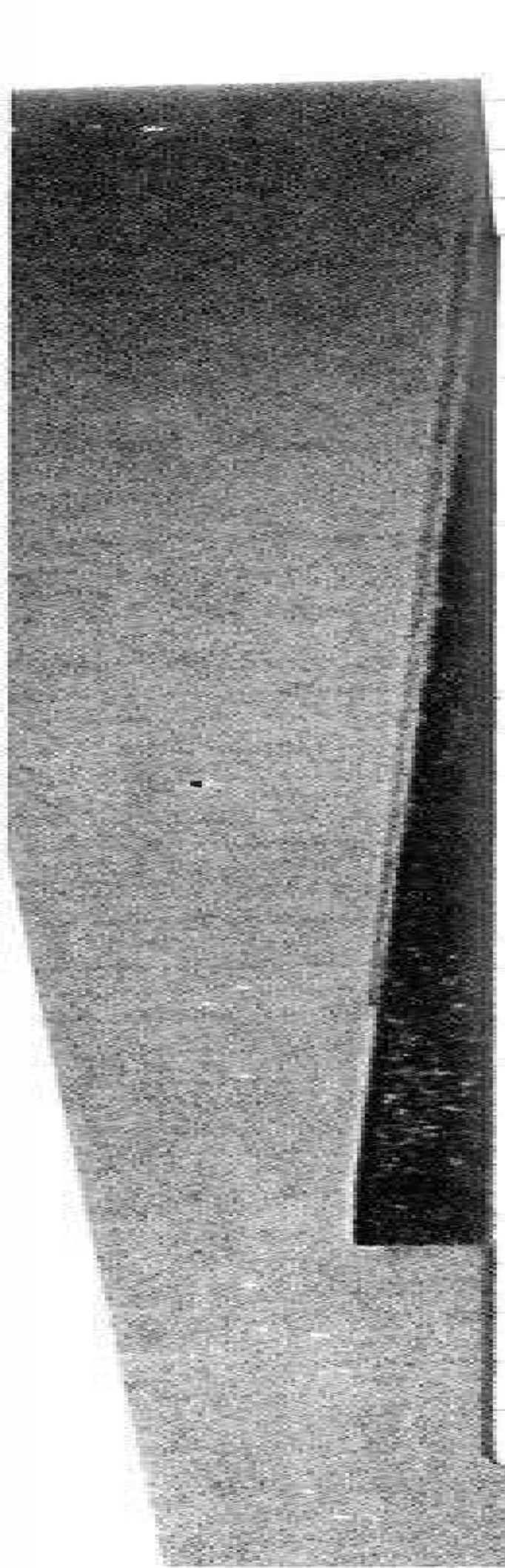

Pvt John G.

Arriving in Eng
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the auto and rail
uneventful except
channel. On boar
Marlinger, Bernie
Wright. The C.O.
Joe Madigan was t

"The landing was
to see what was e
as stated in Brad
post with Leighto
in fighting to ou
getting cut off f
had gotten behind

Recalling actio
in the dark neces
dropped us. The h
hell broke loose
rain barrel. The
the roof fell in

"In Veghel I ca
I cannot give you

As for most har
from Krauts and c
the dikes."

"We utilized a
gutted a sow pig

Most vivid memo
attitude of kindr
without reservati
foxholes. A build
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NAME+RANK Pvt John G. Caval

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/~~BATT~~

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? No
NORMANDY MISSION?

(A) What was the mission of y
Secure and hold

(B) Did anything unusual happ
except for the

(C) Do you recall names of ot
glider? Lieut. Lou
Bruce Stiles, Sgt

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/~~batt~~
Sandgren 1st Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic? I.E

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? Landing
Went through
starting in the
upper, first there
then we knew
we might be back
(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during
Once proceeding
from the time the tracer
started until the
last light. Then
Engel, the assistant
Patrol until the
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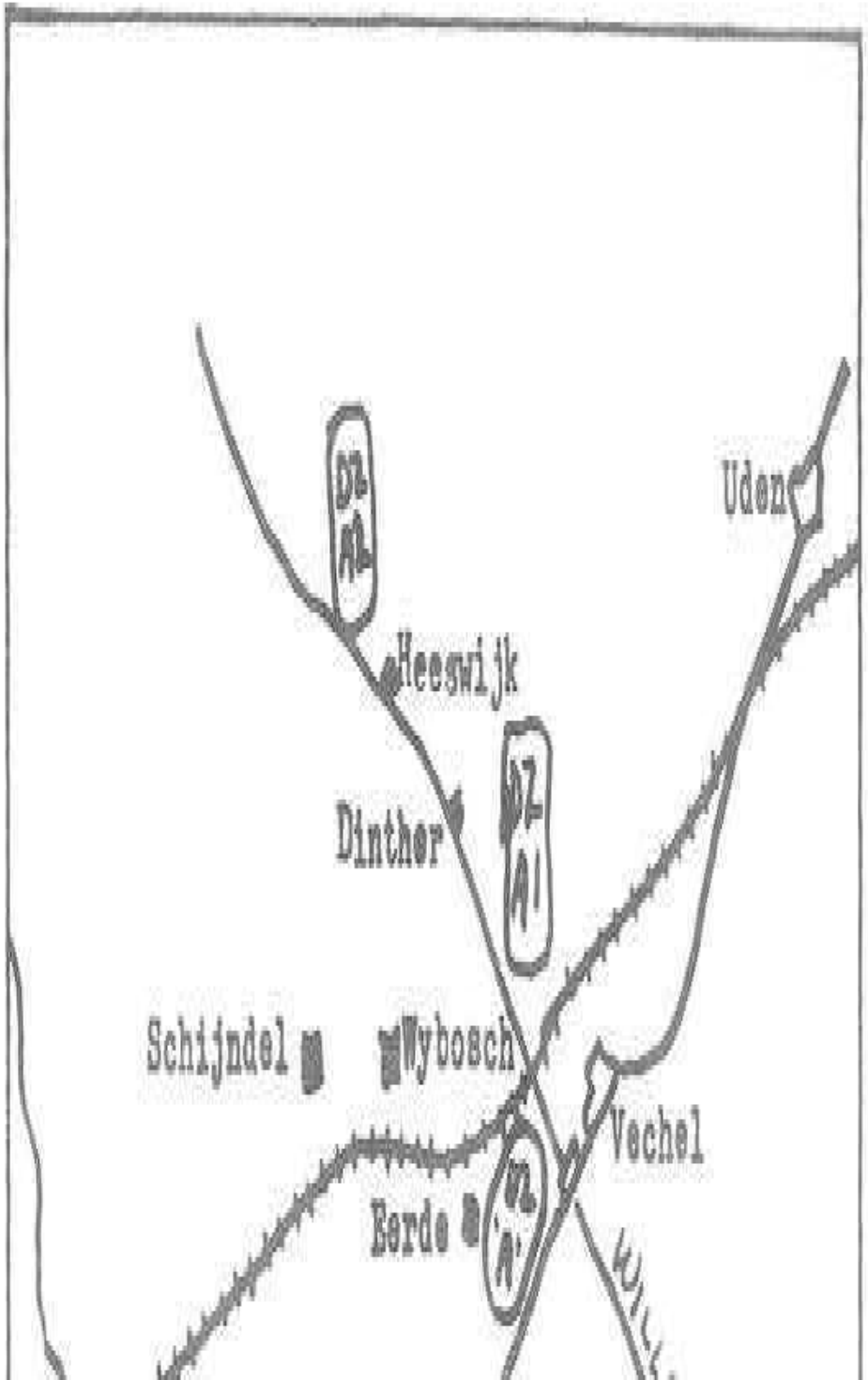
upon by attack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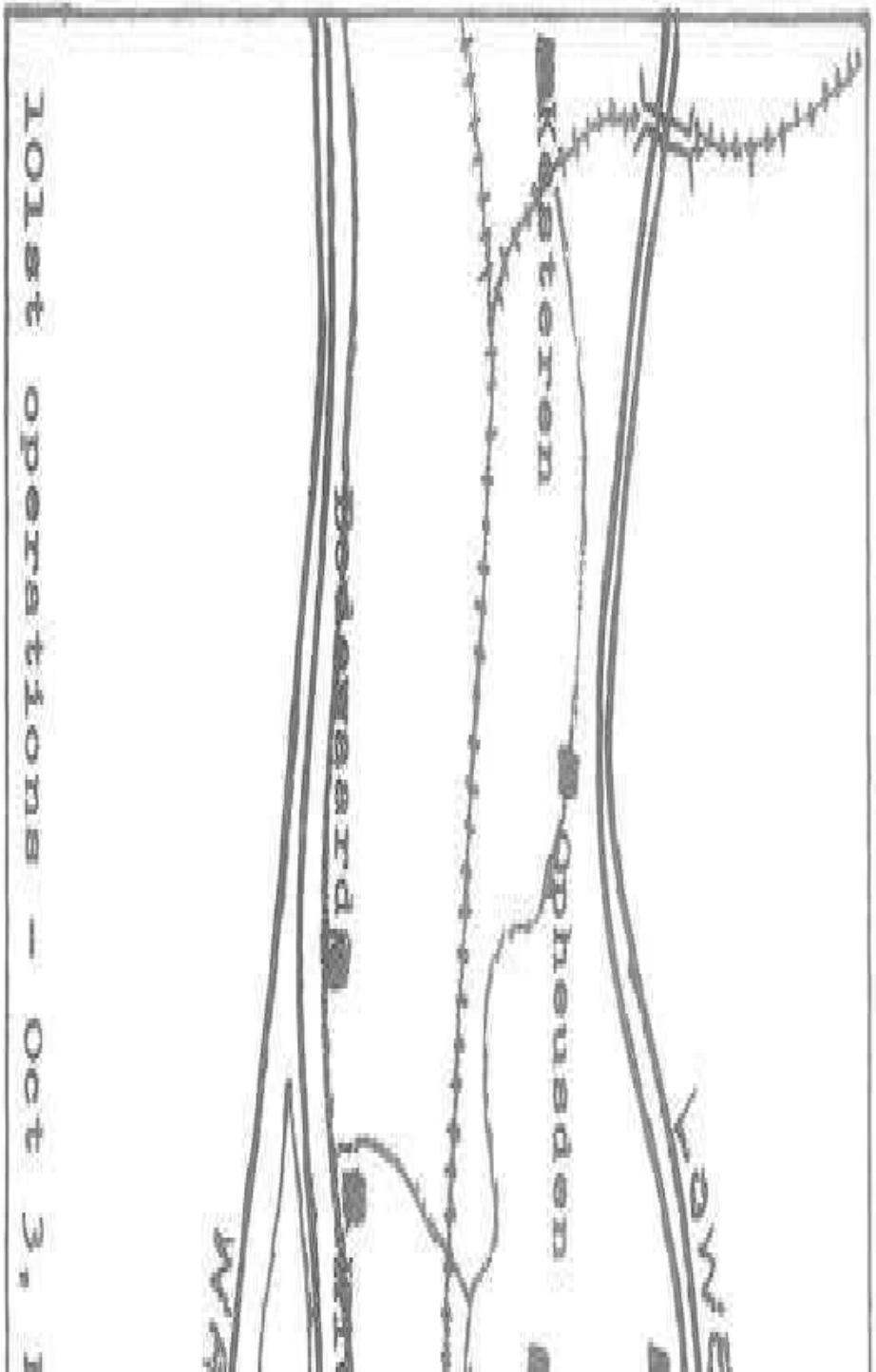
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(I) What was your most harro
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yourself and others?) In
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(K) Do the actions of any in
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due)

(L) In what way(s) were you
times you was

(M) What is your most vivid
people; what
brothers and
in that wonder

(N) Have you ever gone back
Yes. If yes, were you a
were your friends during
pub at the
but can't

(O) Describe briefly what you
learn start w
Burkhardt Ba
to Okinawa Place

(P) Have you exchanged visit
Yes If Yes, name some of
Ricky Edwa
Nick D. Mayo

John -- You may remember me
with Lawrence Lamb.
I have Lamb's story, that c
Tuesday in a flight to Holl
that take place in Eindhove
and Opheusden.) Also the st
I know E Company caught hel
morning of the 18th. I als
of the bridges first. I al
Bruce Beyer until he was wo
In looking over Beyer's not
secured bridge. Captured 3
have story of Glen Braddock
501st and was with Company
in with that of the others.
Did you know any of the fol
Choate, Pvt George A. Kos,
22-24.

((-) [illegible]

[illegible]

P.S. [illegible]

In a letter he
1945 after his f
the involvement
bridges of Veghe
beside a canal.
Johnny, McClure
road and a telep
Jerries (paratro
threw an attack
(and we were). I
rough. We lost h
railroad and bri
we got battalion
Sgt. Eddie Tur
night we were hi
troops. They wer
caught the impac
next morning we
we had during el

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NAME + RANK Pvt William J. Ho

CURRENT ADDRESS Rte 2, Box

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATTE

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? _____
NORMANDY MISSION? _____

(A) What was the mission of y

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(C) Do you recall namee of ot
glider? _____

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
_____ Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? _
_____ Medic? _____

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? _____

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(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during

A veteran of b
in Holland was "
jumpmaster on wa
in England. Plan
didn't know plan
burning. Next da
running out to D
material for clo

"I am sending
most miserable r
positions. A Ger
(Kozer and Lasik
river to reinfor
section being et
recommended me s
for me to direct
vacated position
in dropping roun
fired on and wou

"A German rail
toward our posit
attempt to knock
fright at the et

Recalling hero
the field phone
commander safe i
commander with .

Edward Jurecko
4130 Meridian Place
Corpus Christi, TX 784

Dear fellow Screeming

Can you help me? I am
101st Airborne Divisio
account of the men who

Perhaps you have an it
you wrote while memori
mind as you glance ove
asking you to send the
and with the cobwebs j
assistance. You may r
credit for his work, o
the history of your co
November 27, 1944--the
I want to include the
sized units which part
rounded picture of the

During my three years
Company and parachuted
Maxwell D. Taylor. I a
le-Hesse in the Battle

I visited the Normandy
was researching D-DAY
participate in a mock
BATTLE) as part of the
100 former Screaming E
sary trip to England,

D-DAY WITH THE SCREAMI
1944 was like for the
ing 54 company/battery
was fitted together li
S.L.A. Marshall report
the most factual and d
written. The late Fran
chapter. Gen. A.C. McA
The late Colonel Micha
chapter. Our D-Day div
Higgins wrote the fore

Several former officer
account of the Holland
of my airborne buddies
retired, I can devote t
the poject cannot be e
plan to assist -- it u

Ed:

I had a nice long letter
time at the 501st reunion
trying to help him get pi
awarded a high British de
on Stepmber 23, 1944. The
Miller received Silver St
Cherlie sent me a diary h
campeign. In it he had sk
large group of Germanset
seen the map (such as I e
In the diary he also talk
killed by e big shell tha
the same time. Do you kno
list at the back of the I
are trying to establish a
nemes--yet no D Company--
was Thanksgiving Day.
These are the D Company g
Eerde (9/23), PFC Walter
north of Veghel 9/25, Pvt
(9/24) N of Veghel? Pvt C
Heteren? Is this same guy
NW of Veghel?
Ritzler's diary mentions
to boarding the plane for
Can you identify any of t
of the real prints from K

Hope you can help

George K

IND

NAME + RANK S/Sgt Edward Jure

CURRENT ADDRESS 4130 Meridi

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/~~BATTE~~

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? ~~Yes~~

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(A) What was the mission of y
Secure Highways & B
Strategic Point, First D

(B) Did anything unusual happ
While in England P

(C) Do you recall names of ot
elder? Mc Guire, Sin
Mack, Pinkerton, Rob

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? _
Medic? ~~K~~

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? Prior to
an extended Notice
Jay met Pilot ex
in England - Prep
Secrecy as and
Material for G
(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during
Lucky of Gods I
Memorable Recall
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As An Ex Medic Sgt
To Direct Medic Fire
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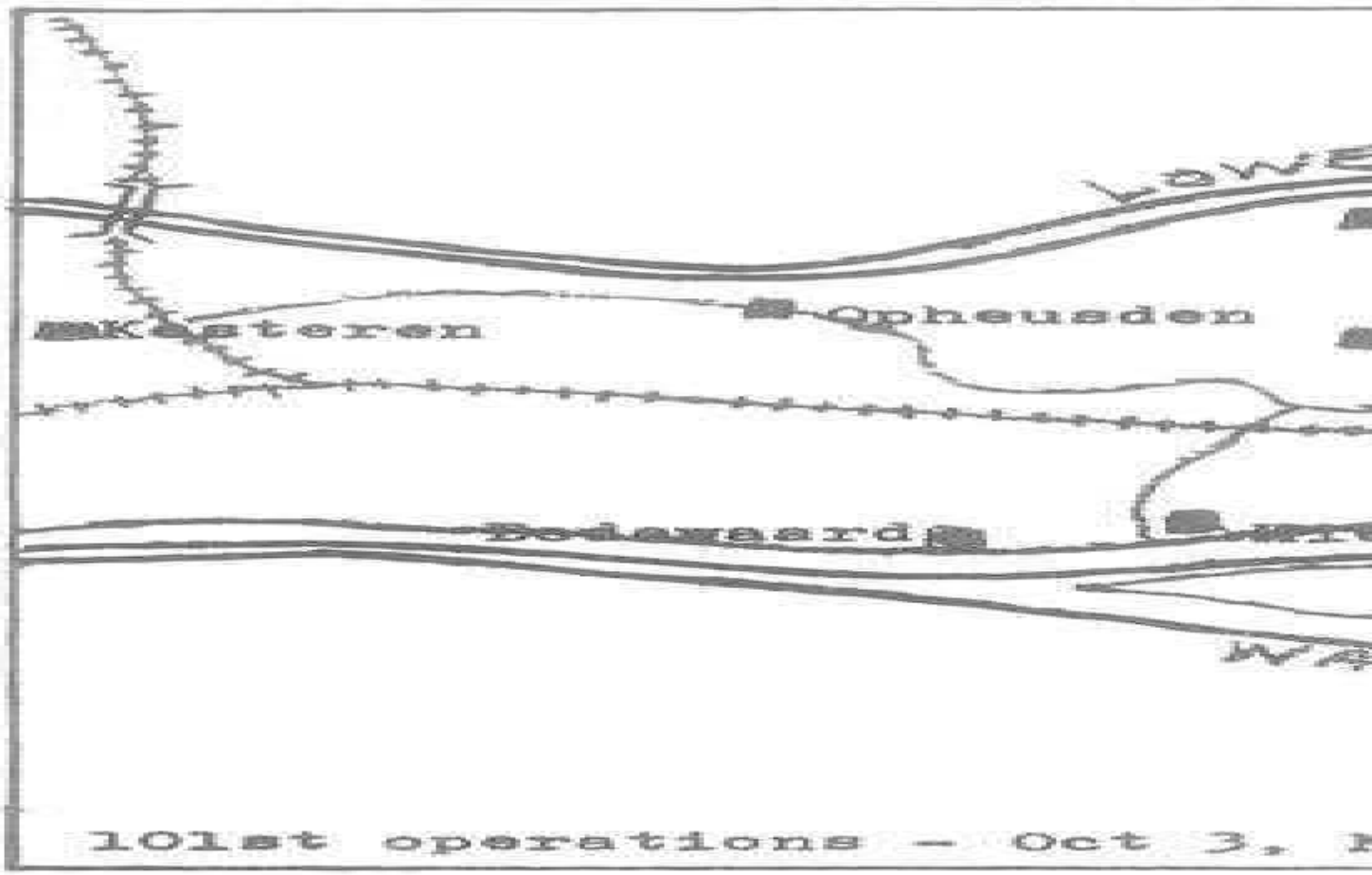
Beginning Forces in Te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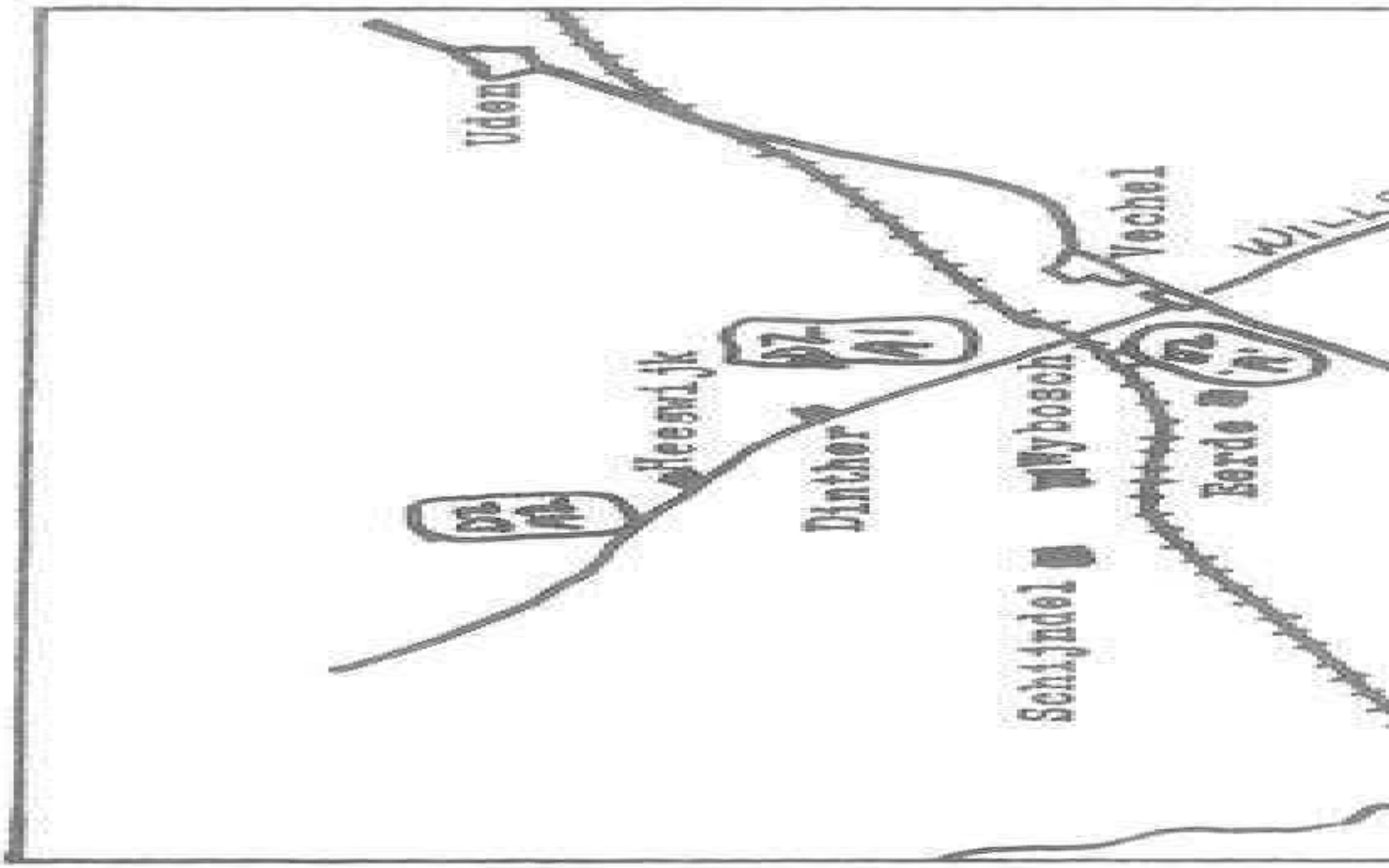
101st operations - Oct 3,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(I) [illegible] branches of the Rhine Rive
Being Herded As
the Duke & The
To Knock at our
RIGHT AT the AT

(J) Describe some of the ways
six-week sojourn on the is
yourself and others?) I
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when The Geekie
First Ship The
Second Took me ou

(K) Do the actions of any indi
the Holland operation? Y
due) First Kokk-Lister
Men where Dropped
the Bunker Next

(L) In what way(s) were you as
Very Helpful A
So Very Later

(M) What is your most vivid me
Machine Gun
Mortar Fire A
Watching Ben

(N) Have you ever gone back to
No. If yes, were you abl
were your friends during t

(O) Describe briefly what you
Electrician For
3 Children I
1969 Green Bar

(P) Have you exchanged visits
____ If Yes, name some of t
Kokk - Richter

Battalio

In response to
following: Bruce
one (BOss or Bas
German fire that
near Eerde. The
not remember his
Your company r
we went into Nor
were either kill
major of the bet
John McCloskey w
The truce was
We ended the day
much of the fire
being led by Maj
sides in the dir
shocked. Sam Pop
instantly and be
being executed.
because I crawle
the direction fr
From this tree
vicinity of the
to help in extri
from Arnheim.
The entire Hol
Field Marshall M
orne) moved too
British jumped t
was the faulty i
commands of the
points south wha

S/Sgt Robert J
Infantry Regimen
middle of day.

"In the midd
the 3rd Battal
German force w
2nd Battalion
ments. We were
turned our bac
and then turne
we had been ew
There weren't
approached the
line to clean
were moving fr
Langlinas. Our
and it was soo
captured, and
were back.

We moved thr
old area beyon
home, and we k

*Houston, op

The log of Cpl
talion of the 5C
Monday, Septemb

At 0200A ene
battalion minu
S'Hertogenbosc
about one-half
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rifle, MG fire
Company line s
'E' Co. 7, cas
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American KIA
them by Dutch
underground mo

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If they attemp
woman in fifty
streets after

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about 1900 fro

*From a diary
Battalion of the

As a veteran o
Holland jump: "Th
was more harrowin
"The most frig
was that my stati
Cranford did not
the green light.
sound off for equ
untangled my line
praying that the
process. I can on
jump with a tangl
a miracle to surv
"This was also
enough to have to
was the smell fro
"I am only sur
and they had us g
near the front of
I jumped an LMG w
rifle with a gren
hand grenades and
with us. Sgt John
Rhett was our CO
"The jump and
was not as intens
rattle of shrapne
remember looking
us as we flew by.
getting out of th
for the opening s
enjoy the view on
release my leg bu
easy because when
rope it took the
landed."
"That was not
landing with the
of my chute timed
low point in my s

inches deep in th
on the DZ so I to
piece of it off t
chief made from b

"I did not see
ground maneuver.
near the bridge s
some buildings pr

"My first heav
report came in th
We pulled out of
them. Some distan
field a German me
at us and hitting
tried to locate t
with a grenade la
the enemy and the
flank. (This seem
Company weapons.)
with a lane to it
to join us and fo
corner of the fie
pared to use my g
myright caused th
was lobbing rifle
time two Germans
house on the far
one on the right
deploying to our
dropped the white
unloaded the gren
was taking place.
I'd never had a c
up and carefully
is the image of t
the back just to
the house and pit

confirmed that he
elated that I beg
that bullets were
"Had lots of h
in my memory is t
stationed at our
word that we were
guns at our dispo
proceeded up to t
After it was over
retaliated and ca
for cover. I dove
mortar rounds dro
safer to roll ove
of the body) into
me to observe the
if it would be po
if I saw one comi
did not have as s
enough before exp
it relatively saf
land within about
true it was at le
"As for 'comfo
able foxholes and
guard on our LMG
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cherries and stra
always slept with
night and recall
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top road with a f
were tying suspen
harmlessly down t
across. They were

mortar men had ba
shells just 50 f
I still can't bel
smoke from our po
line looking for
German machine gu
far side of the d
with a tommy gun
I had the foxhole
destroyed the gun
When I got back t
them) into a near
ness but the next
and shot two troo
course, had to go
tralize him. Havi
thought it would
in view at one lo
but it didn't wor
of the road, just
casualties shot t
shot came from. I
had reprimanded m
my own.

That was not to be
landing with the prop
-bute lined out not q
ray swinging and merci
-lessly sat with my ha
-ving getting out of my
-n. I have a scar and
I did not see my
memories. At night w
-mage sure I would
-e terror.

He had not
-ame in that on
-t was mature and
-m out to be
-pened up on us and I
-e. I sat away. But the
him out with my
-me and I never
equipment as I was
not in a suit with a
-ward the enemy and
-ir hard. This
weapons. I
-s not a match
MLF and Norman
gunner manned the LM
tank. A burst from a
-f and a
-me and this
meant a
-ing time
-ly dug
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-ed the
taking place. The
had a chance to
aimed at me. I
-er as it
-k turn. He
right. Someone
my face. I
-ge. I

"L: I had very litt
days and our MLR's w
visited for the first sev
when I visited Hilan'

"M: My mom was
first setting of the di
tie and our men on fi
ten on each side. Th
lines to the grenades
ade on the dike when
in by the deep mud cu
attempting to hit them
guns were ground. I cu
machine gunner from
down the line making
method to the gun se
of the like. I volunte
grab mine and stood up a
pretty well organized a
bullets and they went o
positions. I was
round just as we
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the machine gun. H
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work and I gave up wi
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head and I never hea
wasn't for him may h
instant the bullets h

"N: Yes I finally ge
retreat. The bridge
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put on the dike where
like four yards. The
temporarily for you
changes to find them

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NAME GLEN A. DER

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATTE

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the Holland operation? __
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(M) What is your most vivid

(N) Have you ever gone back
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were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what yo

(P) Have you exchanged visit
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*From log of

Wednesday, 20
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Thursday, 21
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*From log of C

Dear George:

I am finally ge
you for keeping
I hope you can
of the passing
what you have se

1. Bruce's st
our battalion
of regret to the
correct, but I a

2. Your company
went into Norman
either killed or
battalion before
unit before we

The truce was a
ended the day wi
firepower that w
Bottomley along
direction and Ste
Pope's recollect
and Verzo was se
evacuated. I ga
crawled about 30
from which the s

From this area a
the area across

extricating the

The entire Norta
Marshall Montgom
too slowly along
secure the bridg
intelligence whi
stuff the Jerman
101 landed.

If there is any
the passage of t
details.

As the best, an

P.S. I am en
E. Smyth.
I can re
Normandy
see during
new ins

Sgt

The following i
part Sgt Eddie Tu
the first day or
"September 17,
were not occupied
decided to invade
success--the 101s
advancing troops
until they broke
field in England
jump was successf
"Our first miss
town of any and a
at the time that
town either fled
capture or kill s
defeat an America
"The first nigh
and a battalion o
ligent. Our compa
and at daybreak t
night's fighting
out of six hundre
Finally, after tw
we could go to Ar
accomplish their
ned to Mourmelon.
(The letter was
Altick was killed
in mortar practic

In describing
wrote: In the Ve
were generally s
88 fire to our l
Frase and Volang
pany, 2nd Platoo
William Houston
covered our fron
than 100 yards f
cook, ran out fr
a British field
he came out of t
Houston.

"Sometime duri
limited attack,
attack, Pvt. Geo
both from 1st Pl
traught, having
him lie in it. W
the 24th.

In this area w
from the sand du
Pvt Schmitt was
and moved away w
of wounds. Durin
my radio operato
over my shoulder

"The Island —
501st and others
Veghel. We had o
less than ten ya
this period, mos
was killed. I wa
in from some dis
came in at an an
Johnson had been

left. I saw a cr
disaster and wen
"Somewhat late
house where from
Rhine. I had bin
too dangerous as
ing I spotted a
rifle fire. I ca
up as a spotter.
was hit with a b
smoke and fire.
"In this area
Pvt. Jessie Penn
pigs were gettin
as they had not
chaplain's offic
"I don't know
Aldermaston when
intelligence sec
didn't even know
plane. I talked
budge. The pilot
away. He still h
courts-martialle
witnesses. I hea
that he was of G

Dear George:

The farewell dinner at Bo
1944 from my position on t

As I remarked over the pho
This was my first way of c
details.

I will give you the follow
it in with your overall pi

Vessel area — on September
both sub came under direct
both ito. Three and Volan
Flatoch area and killed fi
ashore. A short time later
a small kraut tank was les
Jack Diver, a boy, ran cu
a British field piece dir
the turret. I was 19 years

Another curing this actio
1st platoon on the left, o
killed and t. e krauts wa
he was somewhat distraught
kelpie him like in it. e e

In this area we received s
ruses battle. Here Lt. Ja
had just adjusted Colonel
came in and we went over.
fic. Arthur Miller, a rea
round came over by shouldi
to the Germans after Mille
and never returned.

The Island — not enclosed
fought in October and ove
the dike and the krauts ma
had intermittent losses du
Col. Johnson was killed. I
in from some distance — it
angle — not from directly
over there about 50—75 yar
and seized a disaster and

Somewhat later I had a pos
small window I had good vi
back from the window as th
move. After searching I sp
far for rifle fire. I call
Limerlig came up as a sp
the rounds to zero in and
the rear covered with smo

[illegible] Sheild

In this are
(Co. F, 501): And Pvt. Jessie
days and the pigs were getti
as they had not been attende
and the bodies were removed.

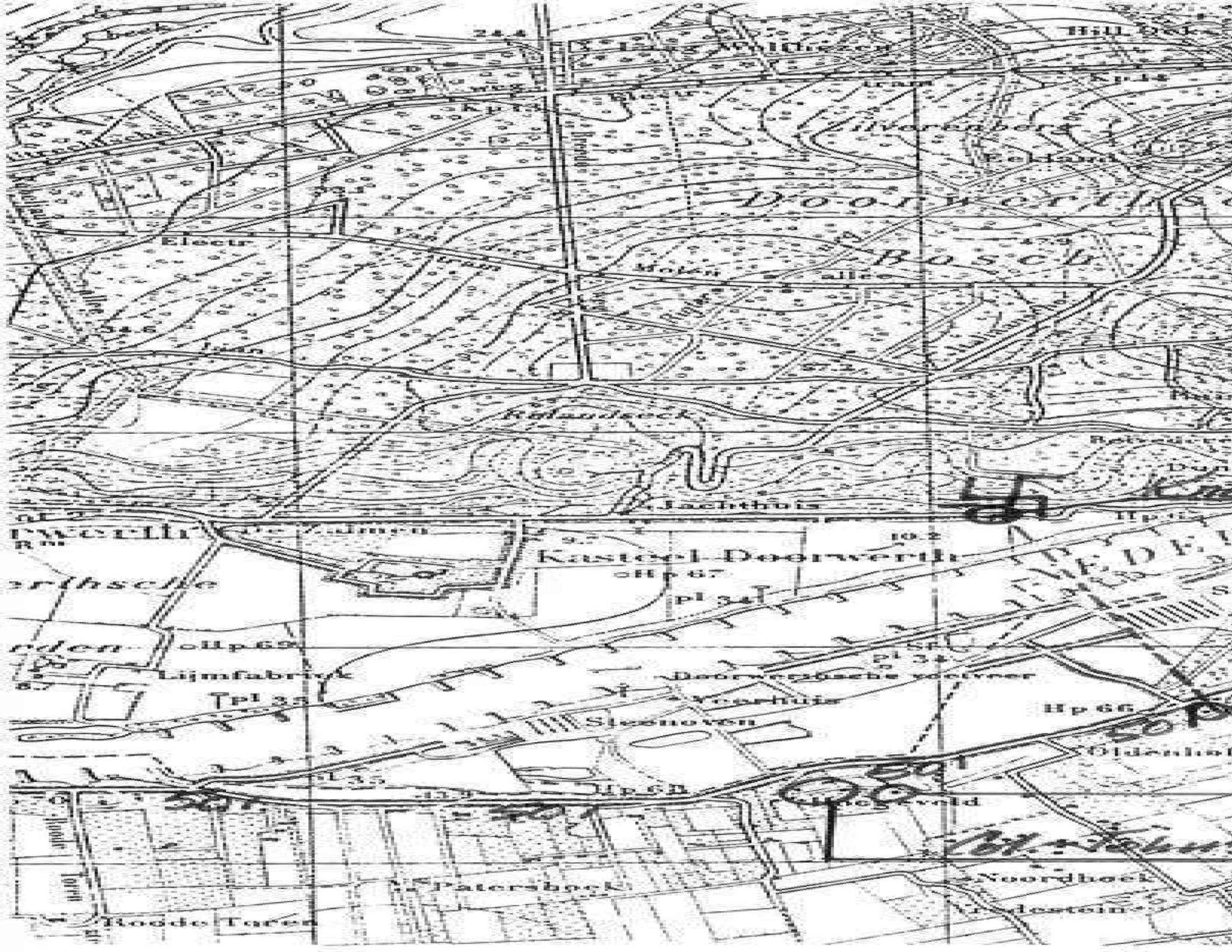
I don't know if you want thi
my aircraft was emplaning. I
my stick at the last minute
fusee to get in the plane. I
bugge. The pilot raised the
had his chute on. In reentre
to eight years — I was one o
in Normandy" also that he

You have read about my plane
ure, some as told in "A Fri
Helsepos was number eight in
they would [illegible] at minimum

Cross on———————

I wrote Jurecko last night s
molesting other materials. S
sorry for the poor typing bu
am working on a [illegible] lat
tion Brown and I are planni
ow I know what I'm in.
Regards to Eva.

Didn't recognize anyo
I saw a bunch of Ko
Pvt by 2 C.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Roode Tarer
Nuordbeek

Bob O'Connell o
Holland operation
bridge at the Wil
in the plane. He
I was at his cou
"Our plane was
hit the DZ. Also
sergeant. Richard
leader. I was his
was our medic.
"This was the l
was on fire. I be
the down swing. C
plane. The pilot
the plane went do
mask--all toilet
More important, m
despite a heavy l
"As we approach
tore by us on Hel
Johnson was quite
"We seized Vegh
along a street fi
upthe street. I j
they were alive!"
(I joined Compa
leaders from Comp
and Volango.
Most harrowing
In the vicinity o
We tossed hand gr
the road (dike) a
Increasing life
were unsuitable.
fire). We killed
"I was always p
the medic for Com

(Co. E-KIA) was e

Most vivid memo
land to the DZ I
American I didn't
enormous operatio

I do have one r
was KIA outside V
was in reserve be
believe that Co.
small arms and he
of beans with Gil
round came over
Joe Madigan, the
he was later evac

A few minutes l
his pack and shou
McClung and sever
was ashen. I doub
hit Pvt (Frederic
and saw how bad M
poor position we
McClung, Schmitt
Mourmelon I was t
bad day. Yes, McC
from him when he
was spared."

NAME & Rank: Lt O'Connell Jr
CURRENT ADDRESS 12637 Mills
UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BAT
BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (AP
NORMANDY INVASION? No
NORMANDY MISSION?

(A) What was the mission of
to seize the
(B) Did anything unusual hap
Yes my plane was hit
(C) Do you recall names of
glider? S/Sgt
in the stick - Tuer
(D) Who was in charge of th
(E) Who was your company/ba
Sredgrass C.O. Plat
(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic? Jo
(G) What recollections do y
this mission? It was h
ers on fire. I believe S
One trooper - Cpl. Rubide
for his Own Reason su
or he opening shock (no
leg for 72 days. - us
(use additional space if n
(H) Much action took place
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Sterlis college 1946-
Retired as Bus Com

(P) Have you exchanged visit
Yes If yes, name some of
also unforgettable fo
Mickey Cohen, and
Tony Salas with ac

PAST NAT'L PRESIDENT
1975 - 1976

Dear George:

I did not o
one name to add
Co D., 501. This w
it reserve behind
Eerde. I believe
sand duvel and
heavy artillery.
car of hens with
story round were
it the night big
as helped Gibson

A few minu
helped the Chung
Seconds later a
and several o the
and his face w

Regarding conc
Schmitt (?) ac
and saw how
Baxter's Stat
(It was a Ter
Schmitt and o
got back to th
died of wounds
was a Holland
from him when
all these years
I am unda
actoic. My Mom
with the SS to Sig
release me for the
Infantry OCS and
after I had enlis
never ever dear a
finally got to fly
we do would, a
do it but I real
a crazy pipe dre

Dear Bill:
The enclose
Winters who
in Holland
a diary one
another wee
D-Day in No
sending a c
Though it h
I knew the
incidents m
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with what c
the same.
To make a l
du Mont (on
Normandy ne
was doing s
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a reunion w
had given D
found--and
By now you
in the news

Korner--suc
got picture
Holland for
brother-in-
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and Ed Jure
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cated. Bob
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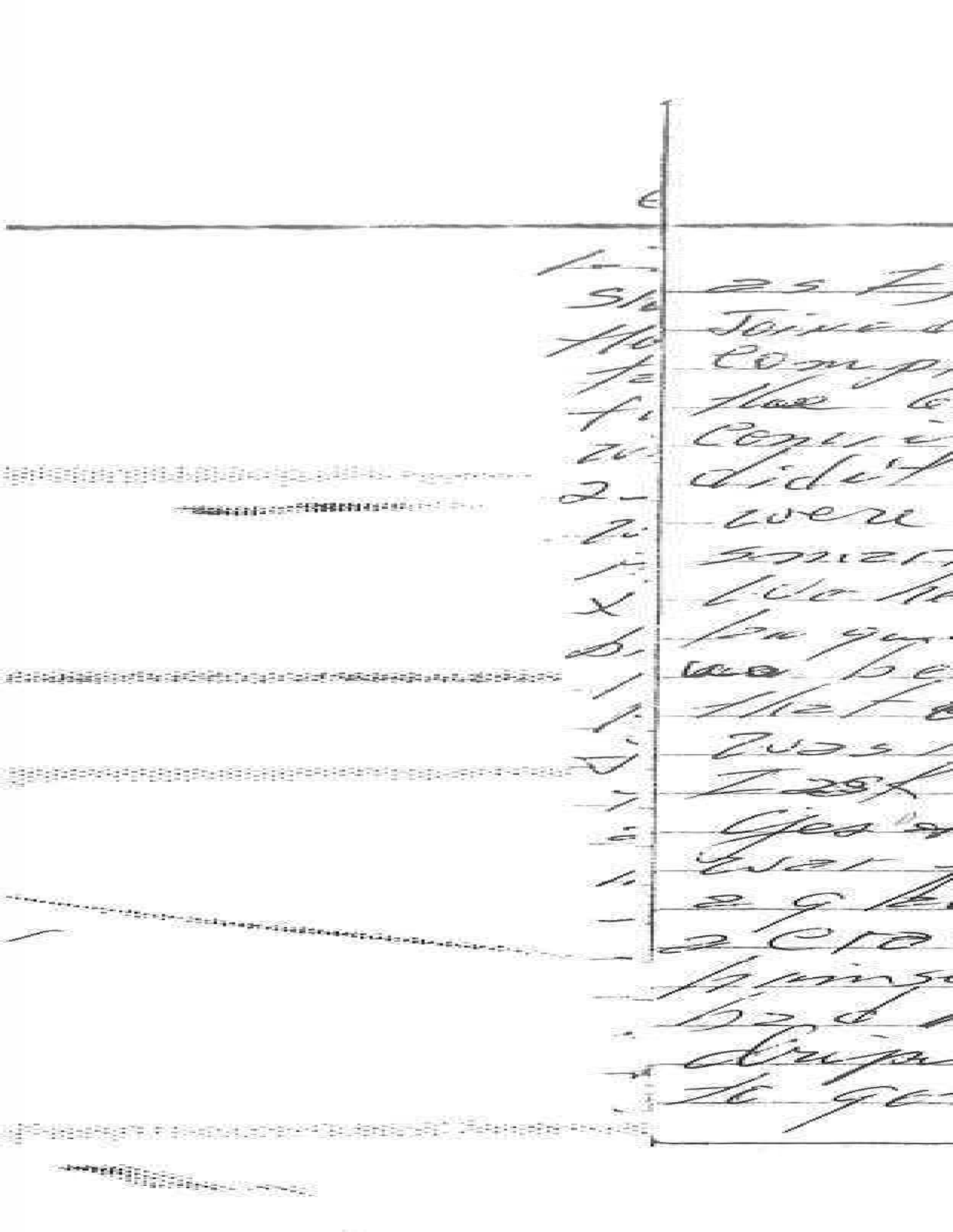
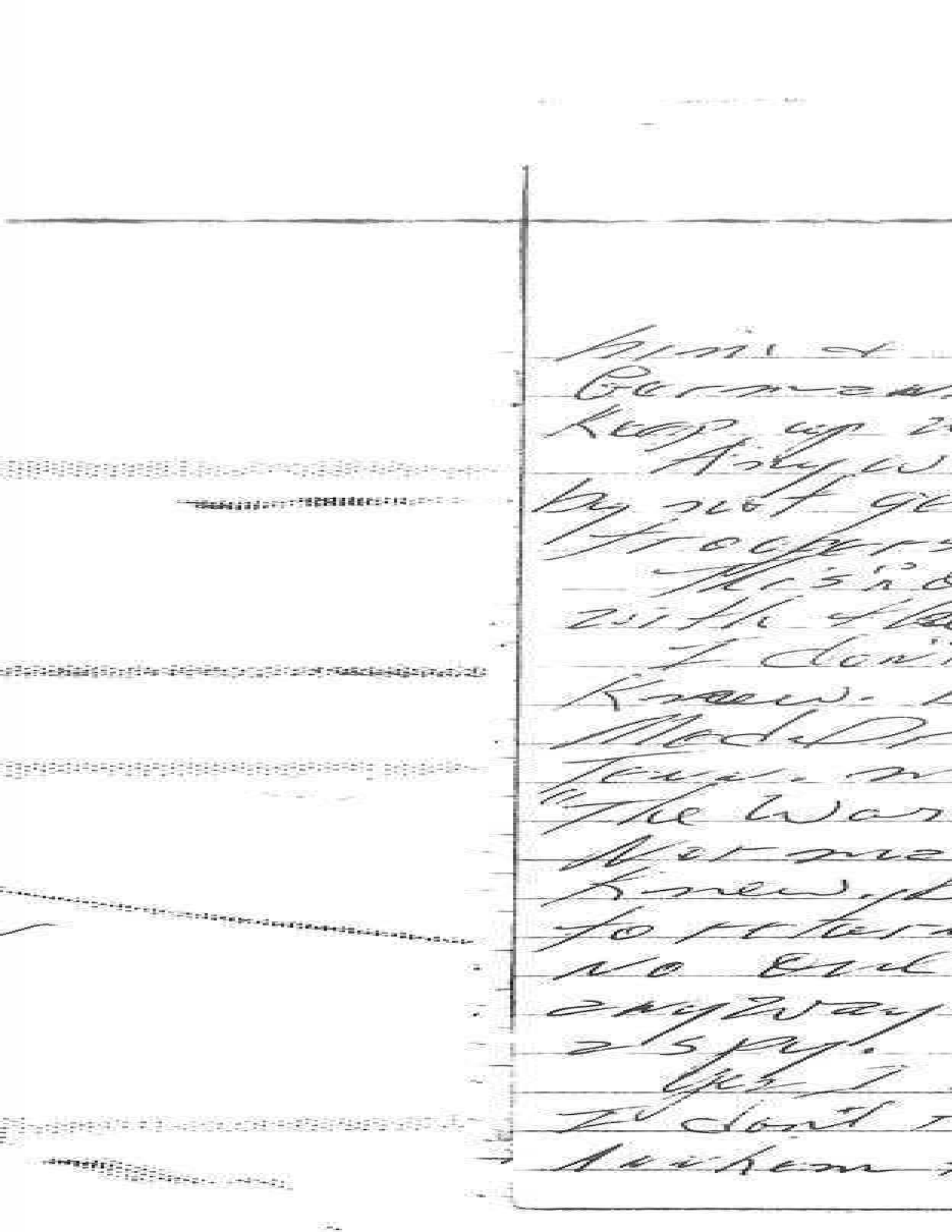
Thanks in l
Airborne!

George





Beginning his taped narrati
Cross gals came along in e je
if this mission would also be
One of the Battalion aidmen
said "my carbine went off acci
do?" He was anything but convi
thought was pretty good advic
jump and then report to the a
martial here in England would
he had recently married an En
and sentenced to hard labor.
Our battalion commander, Lt
for the jump. As Bn S-2 I was
platoon leader was also on bo
board as #4 man in the stick.
decided an M-1 rifle was much
to disassemble it for enclosu
musette bag. Too many troopers
landing driving the top of th
I had mentally rehearsed this
in the short thrust mode of l
opening shock. It didn't work
channel we got the stand up a
had 20+ miles to fly to our j
seemed an interminible period
missess of flak we finally got
my exit about right. Unfortun
frong sight of the piece as t
from the edge of the canopy a
jumped a few hundred yards sh
were on hand with carts to ga
in my near vicinity cutting s
Since my S-2 section was disp
troop leaders trying to assem
the highway and railway bridg
After dropping I started fo
and enroute passed through th
S-2 for the Regiment. He told
to astablish a CP there.until
I please inform him of this c
there and found the 2nd Bn as
amount of confusion. and whil
troops and officers in this c
the north side of the canal a
could see seven or eight Germ
pulling their soft overseas c
yelled, 'stop that bus!' and
maybe another hundred yards a
thoroughly surrounded with mo
found that the only wounded p
Among the dozen or so prisone
that was so snotty I felt lik
mygun. That was the only imme
Some where in that time I acc
simply handed it to me. Balla
Sefton, go down, cross the br
doing at the railway bridge.
Colonel Johnson was there in
bered seeing Lt. Sims. So I r

of your staff is in that litt
regimental S-2 staff that wee
the advance element had wiped
Sefton, get in that little ca
but Ballard has sent me down
tell my staff to get here." I
happened and so when Johnson
that Colonel Johnson wanted m
Ballard said, Sefton, I told
trying to sneak back across t
He turned around and saw me e
and go now! A full colonel ou
village in the little car and
car had a rumble seat, a flat
in the rumble seat and said g
ran stright out of there.abou
Eindhoven. Just as we got to
with a bazooka and they yelle
simply cut the wheel and nose
acrobat but I remember turnin
feet on the other side of the
a Limey tank. Now of course w
sewn on our left shoulder and
barreling down the highway to
in the turret and waving his
greet him with, certainly the
in a jeep and while I'm ponde
voice in my mind -- that's a
ours -- that one is black and
hat. No, Limeys wear black b
I realized I was also looking
and the guy who waved his har
and his jaw had dropped open
my right arm and I'm crouched
squirrel hunter and trying to
the snap of his round past my
and went down the turret. To
miss ed him by ten yards. I j
man to get him. They were tra
the trigger but nothing was h
not attached the wire to the li
yelling at him like crazy to
on the shoulder and reached t
is fifty yards down the road
aim and since I was almost be
fast ball by a good pitcher,
not armed the warhead by pull
firing bursts of three with m
and trying to hit the crack t
in our basic training if you
tank. It didn't work worth a
Johnson reportedly thought it
been told that Montgomery had
gun. which to this day I'm co
used for training because not
bridge ended up dangling from
clear down the twisting stree
passing out beer and pretzels
and went right down the main
a 45 pistol into the motor s
vainly trying to stick his M-

tank kept firing the machine
See for Moses, and when last
always felt that if the bazoo
me@al having saved the regime
opera war for the first 24 ho
for our foxholes with them sh
with a general feeling that t
the 2nd or 3rd day when thing
to mine a bridge to the NE of
forgotten the name of the tow
across the top of the bridge.
Col. Ballard that they were i
secure. It turned out they ha
prima cord across the bridge
infantry unit. I heard later
half-inch crack across the ro
into the first real threat to
as the S-2, I took a patrol a
and how serious were their in
cut across and toward the hig
that told me not to go across
wide to the tree line along t
which again were about a quar
attacking along. I took out m
what was really bothering me
not a dog, We had a couple re
tenant, there has got to be a
terrible feeling that it woul
with indecision, a tank well
heads, We had one carbine wit
reason not to cross the open
that same time I cou ld see I
Colonel Ballard committed it
said, let's hook on to this c
15 yards out in the field whe
flank protection of the Germa
studying to no avail. They pi
their gun muzzles but they co
Dog Company returned fire aga
They pushed up to the road by
as flank security and I found
and the ditch went another 20
leader if there was anybody o
my section down there and tur
fire in particular from the G
right across the road so we s
the twigs coming down on ourh
us. I was leading the patrol
Looking in there, there were
four years old, maybe five. T
little blue coveralls and I s
said 'Allo, Allo. I crawled a
baby and they were scared to
started up toward the end and
house on the far side. It was
patrol there and said, "Goble
from inside that house. Like
actually a part of the same b
far side in the direction in
sitting on it looking out thi

suddenly a German materializ
slightly diagonally away fro
Goble said, 'aren't you goin
loaded my M-1 with tracers t
looked like a long red finge
or got him in the hips but h
pushed clear to the highway.
to battalion. Col. Battard h
town in the direction of the
there for both ground fire a
German tanks that could be s
shell fire coming in. There
on the edge of town. So I to
safer and I went in the hous
down there and told him what
as useful as possible. I loo
soldiers sitting on an orang
to someone that "those two b
turned around to see what th
pane came through the openin
of a shell which exploded ju
sitting on the orange crate
later and there were two mor
crate brewing a pot of tea.
Ever since we returned from
line company. I felt the S-2
interesting to note that at
such a position on the TO '
a pretty good country patrol
We lost a lot of officers in
any more petrols.with my sec
injunction for several days.
selves on night patrol. One
scouting every night. there
their morale ~~if~~ I went with
going to happen. I think the
soft wool caps and had black
machine gun from which I had
swivel to the bolt that held
that down in front of you an
press the trigger and it wou
and anyone standing anywhere
funny night in that it was a
see was the upper halves of
th-re was absolutely no nois
was brushing along myleft le
it was a German communicatio
seemed to be brand new and w
before. My first concern was
announced 'visitors are comi
of it simply wrapped around
put in that night or in dayl
be an outpost there. with a
that went off to the right t
we got to a hedgerow, maybe
that made a T-junction with
junction on the far side of
little ~~blue~~*lights* lanterns
of a mans face, sitting ther
not tell if there was one ma

crawled up almos t to the ro
initial feeling was go back
was here. That there is some
might bode something or othe
going to leave that son-of-a
to my manhood. I went back t
to cross the road and get in
I are gonna crawl back up th
do that, you fire straight u
together. We crawled up very
between us because the fourt
pull it out. So whispering i
we got. When they go off, we
hell out of there. I'd never
were so still. When the leve
looping string of sparks thr
we were from t is character.
As soon as I threw mine, I s
and yelled at Goble, 'Let's
behind me. It had to be a go
really pumping hard and as I
go!' and we all took off out
200 yards before I had the p
everybody? So I brought eve
was Goble. I spread the sect
to find out what happened. W
toward me through the weeds.
kept coming directly toward
either to shoot or jump. Whe
Goble. His tommy gun had jam
a couple of times to see if
out of there.

OnCE Goble rejoined us I spr
the Germans brought up some
thing similar to that to the
Wewent on back to battalion
the communication wire witho
seem to register much in Bn
the new communication wire a
Baird if I could send out a
that ran all along the bank
very thick strip of brush. I
for several hundred yerds al
troops. Our battalion was st
humored me and said, sure, g
ran into a helluva lot of re
Company then the rest of the
committed and we ended up wi
off all the troops in the ca
brought in with the express
I assume and presumably thei
the attack and all the shell
cane brake and it was litera
corpses, there were also foo
assume they would have used
went down in the annals of t
enough troops down there tha
with heavy casualties and we
Veghel which was southeast s
me to a rifle company on the
There's one little story tha

which had been overrun in a
was a corporal, squad leader
out house.There were some sm
they cured something in it.
and the machine gun position
alongside the house anyway a
day before that he was reall
they were sleeing side by si
check the gun. I wasn't gone
crewled into my sack and I h
Turner sag, 'Who's there?'
by there walking the line I
of the line and I heard this
such a quiet night, a full m
was laying along the side of
happened. He said, I just ki
there, right there in the ya
have been more than an inch
moonlight. I said, 'I don't
Now he still hed his 45 in h
and in pulling the pin from
and it went into the dirt ab
out there a 15-20 feet. I wa
it did with the fragments ri
feet and said, '' got him th
around the house over to tha
I'll come in at him from the
there. because I wasn't sure
between the two of us. He'd
out there. I had run to get
of him as he approached this
was pointing at his own feet
flank and took the gun out o
got a call from Captain Greg
the baggage, will you take t
little pathand follow it bac
started for the path and I c
right on going -- he's had t
of that is if its worth of d
been respected, aggressive,
up everything he had and the
When we got up to the Nede
there and the position was t
was that the British were ho
Neither side dared stick a h
sneezing, talking. The dike
a grenade across it either m
to the bottom of the dike or
The situation lasted one or
bunch of boot laces together
on to the other end. The cor
a few feet below the surface
to a brick factory on our si
weeks. before the sniping an
withdrew across the river.
I remember how dark the nigh
strong points 50 to 100 yard
The Germans still had a brid
of the dike. and there was a
200-300 yards of dead spece
close there was little you c

They didn't attempt to approa
activity. I remember one nigh
of bustle on the German side.
attack. We did manage to find
of their little smoke bombs a
over the German position. The
fired their flares &p.&ll nig
I have many vinettes of memor
of Wellington's remarks about
could literally not see your
checking the outposts of eith
ambush from any German petrol
breaking your neck over f end
us just decided to take our c
A lot of the dishrrea in Holl
that we had run out or halazo

One of the most traumatic day
Veghel when one of the battal
of Eerde to the SW of Veghel
what became a meeting engagem
was broken of course almost l
mingled so neither side could
hitting their own troops. One
under small arms fire and jum
sp$dier--his reaction. 'Oh, p
our battalion in behind the J
were catching all the artille
lines into regiment and the r
Colonel Ballard I'd run liais
came by with the host and I r
feeling of serenity that i$ t
and if God wanted me it was O
and Regt time and again. I we
in the ditch but there were t
in my memory ever since. One
and landed right on top of a
literally trembling. the fact
any. I made some assinine rem
shelling let up, got back up,
when I was struck by the fact
grinding on metal. and it see
in the ditch and there were f
handful of dried reeds that w
were grinding their helmets t
of that handful of weeds that
note that at the time there w
which undoubtedly inspired th
took that day but I know ther
po$ition to fire a shot in re
actually doing the fighting.
were ordered to withdraw.

Bruce M. Beyer –
(From log kept b

Sunday, 17 Sep
Crossed land abo
populace. Yellow
flak received ab
unopposed. Terra
Civilians much i
designated DZ. L
D Company secu
killed one Germa
Battalion ente
ning NE – SW. Ba
message center.

Monday, 18 Sep
sector (mixed ba
from N.W. Herten
Veghel about one
off by 81mm mort
line along railr
fire placed on e
secured at 1100A
ties about 14. T
German motorcycl
American KIA e
by Dutch chaplai
movement.

People coopera
they attempted s
fifty, one child
hours curfew, fi
Two German bat
1900 from NW 310
Resupply recei

Tuesday, 19 Se
Germans killed.
town from south
part of people.

up collaboration
hidden from Germ
Received resup
Veghel. One C-47
safety and made
snd bag" factory
Wednesday, 20
- 300. S-2 patro
armor from cross
on way north. C-
also plus Spits.
Thursday, 21 S
Veghel. Also Dut
flak. Dutch unde
clothing.
Approximately
in, one injured,
Friday, 22 Sep
our lines this A
of Erp, SE of Ve
by shrapnel. Sgt
town. Had binocu
Forward CP estab
man tanks and on
tanks knocked ou
British tanks an
Casualties mediu
Saturday, 23 S
wounded. Lt. Vol
Norwood (B/326 E
medium to heavy.
Heavy firing f
number of casual
artillery fire.
landed near CP.
307s has been re
Rider got a Germ

Maj. Gen. Tayl

A skytrain of
NW of town about
cover by Thunder
shot down. Suppl

Six Mack truck
loaded four when
seem to be getti

Heavy German a
Advance elements
in attack along
the 506th. Occup
German Tiger tan
in reserve. Plac
CP.

Wire Section (
conditions of ke

Sunday, 24 Sep
the night. Some
moved into posit

Evacuated KIA'
"D" Company, T/5
wounded yesterda
town.to NE about
railroad bridge
Williams severel
across canal at
Advance elements
centrations rece
wrist and leg, S
thigh, Sgt Mero
Medical aid rend
Ghiardi. Lay in
injuries sustain
ditch perpendicu
Holden and I cra
medical company

sprinkled in wou
Hospital across
Passed through
road to the nort
Met Lt. (Clair

The log also c
their home towns

Tom Bailey wa
Headquarters Compa
east of Vechel. Ot
Shileds, Dandis, I
Capt. Rhett was CO
company clerk. Dav
remembers.

His recollect
the other. The Ger
under control and
Vechel many times
ways and broken gl

Communication
of the Holland ca
(our company comm
man out (I was th
track going into
railroad bridge o
nest there and if
pass to London.
there was enough
never saw the rai
"I do not reme
battalion wire ch
companies and out
"My wire secti
of a 3-man sectio
all. Most of my m
ashamed to say I
Horn and I were l
he inherited my j
Plue was wounded
"On D + 6 (Sep
attacked D Compan
repair it and fou
from the D Compan
reel of wire and
the company phone
hole I was in. Th
never saw such we
thing to the boy
failed to respond
killed him.
"I went back t
Theodore Steets s
He was obviously
that he felt his
called Sept 25. T
toward Eerde we c

reason I call it
I called 88 which
that I could hear
judge if they wer
cocky as far as e
"Anyway, as we
behind me. We tur
cottonwood trees.
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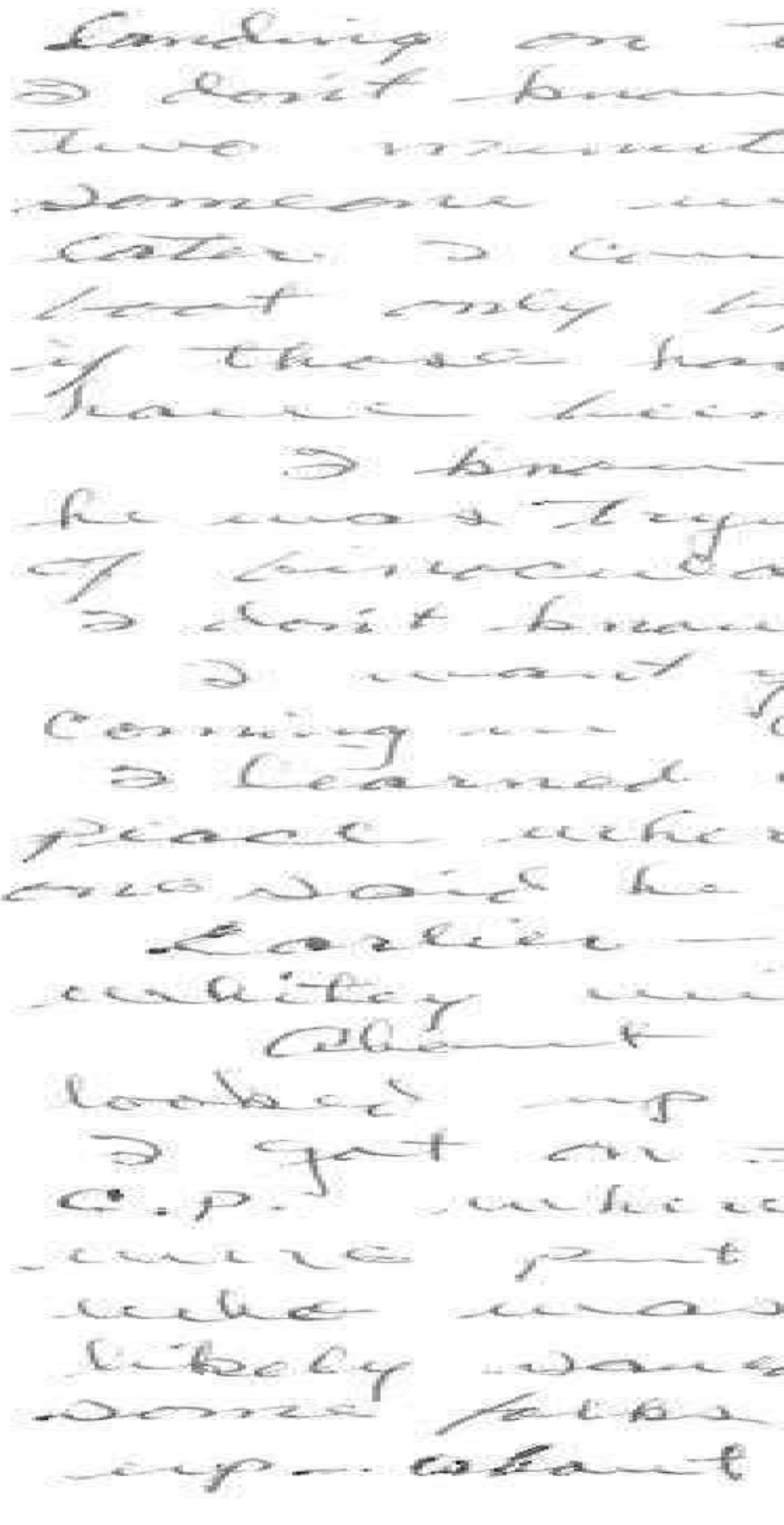
the tail of my bl
about a 1½ inch g
skin) wound but t
me think I was bl
hot blood did not
From there I p
fire came in so l
but the 88s came
don't know how ma
shrapnel that jar
Later I could fir
from the inside.
would have been e
"I know that I
locate the enemy
coming in. I don'
"I want you to
this made me nerv
the place where n
hit. Earlier, whi
killed.
"About the tim
Rhett going by so
I was told we wou
know who was resp
becoming a victim
shook up--about a
up. So the respit
on.

"One other thi
want to ask for c
wound. They put a
not evacuate me w
there in the firs
to get the Purple
"I remember th
I walked past him
the house they we
told that he was
him. One or two s
"The island wa
it. We split our
on a rotating bas
worked out (most
everyone else out
men from trench f
Captain Rhett fir
have become victi
there as being a
a nightmare for u
"I remember Lt
HQ to be our comm
officer--do you k

My prim
operation
on t
Platt Cou
charge of
s was to
to guide
and he did
railroad
there would
a bucket
a 3-day
described
was immed
jumped ca
two pea
2
four days
we were
to the
My
after
section
switchboard
time to
should
a single

Canteen and cut about 6 1/2 inch gash in my right Buttock. just a flesh (almost only a skin) wound. Let the water running down my leg from the Canteen made me think I was bleeding badly. the fact of cold water as appeared to wet blood did not register.

Then I heard a frightful shattering sound as a mine shell fire came in the ground into the road ditch with 30 not three-four many other guys. but the 88's came in



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have to
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for some
price to
maybe
→ Just
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A wealth of in
intelligence off
mentioned previo
"some Red Cross
already jumped o
scrubbed." (This
later.)

Still at the m
limping up to me
went off acciden
should do? He we
I still gave him
you trooper. I'd
the aid station
martial here in
advice. Later I
also heard that
hard labor."

"Our battalion
staff among the
assigned to a pl
was also on boar
as #4 man in the
Normandy. I deci
Holland terain,
a Griswold case
musette bag. Too
buckled on landi
jews. In conside
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bayonet drill an
shock. It didn'
across the chann
approaching the
to our jump site
seemed like an i

the concussions
light. I think I
Unfortunately, e
front sight of m
hand, and dangli
ground. For what
of our drop zone
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'Geronimos' (in m
before starting
throughout the e
to assemble thei
the highway and
The distance t
s half. Enroute
tered Lt. (Hugo)
that a few membe
establish a CP t
Johnson, would l
toward Vechel an
assembling on th
of confusion, an
sending off troo
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through our batt
seven or eight C
Geronimos. They
ears and heading
everyone opened
careened into a
surrounded we fo
who had part of
youth member dre
felt like turnin
my rifle. That w
first half hour.
best of my recol

seeing I was the
cross the bridge
is doing at the
way bridge over
directing troops
So I reported an
there, part of y
colonel pointed
staff. It was fu
of the advance e
Krauts. Johnson
to get up here.'
sent me down to
car and go tell
"I felt the le
and so when John
Ballard that Col
his staff to com
"Ballard said,
Dog Company.'
"I was trying
Johnson had his
'Sefton, haven't
"A full colone
to the village i
had taken a deto
had this driver
said to get on d
ran straight out
turn to the righ
were two GI's in
yelled, 'get off
simply cut the w
been much of an
in the air and l
ditch. About tha
tank.'

"Now of course
can flag sewn on
and sure enough
a medium tank. t
weving his hand.
greet him with.
right behind him
question. I am l
color for a Lime
black and yellow
cap. No, Limeys
about that time!
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jaw had dropped
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rood and bringin
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of his round pas
his hands and we
shot him through
as the tank thun
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the trigger but
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until the #2 man
shoulder and rea
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to be the signal
between the chas
basic training i

disable the tank
down toward the
the first Limey
Montgomery had i
machine gun whic
wooden bullets t
was hit but John
dangling from th
clear down the t
where priests we
dancing in the s
drag being pursu
pistol into the
of my S-2 sectio
tread and the bo
not a soul was h
when last seen t
~~always felt that~~
~~have gotten a me~~
was really a com
the Dutch civili
the hair off of
that the war was
or 3rd day when
laying party to
must have been l
The mine-laying
of the bridge. I
Colonel Ballard
must certainly b
long, had done n
along came the h
heard later was
half inch crack
drew. It develop
came boring in v
went up the left

were their inten
to cut across ar
used to get in c
that was probabl
the road where t
again were about
Germans were att
the trees and ho
that there was n
nothing. We had
saying, Lieutena
Let's go. But I
mistake. While i
off to the north
We had one carbi
on that as the r
go knock out the
coming up from t
mitted it to mak
said, let's hook
more than 10 or
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column was well
to no avail. The
up to their gun
with a full rifl
and moved across
the road by the
as flank securit
of the company e
crossroad. I ask
flank and he sai
down there and t
fire, MG fire in
yards away and i
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down on our back

above us. I was
the bottom of th
kids, the oldest
They were all bl
coveralls and I
all said 'Allo,
the parents, hol
the bottom of th
and found oursel
the far side. It
rest of the patr
who the hell we
Dutch houses, th
the same buildin
far side in the
milk can and was
Goble standing b
the ground about
away from me and
Goble said, 'Are
forgot I had loa
to the patrol. W
out and I don't
hips but he went
pushed clear to
traced our steps
battalion headqu
direction of the
gun out there fo
dualing with the
in the fields. T
foundation of a
town. I told my
bu safer and I w
in the basement.
about the attack
I looked out the

soldiers sitting
barnyard. I rema
get killed.' Som
they wanted. The
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The two soldiers
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were two more li
crate brewing a
"We lost a lot
not go on any mo
lieutenants. I o
about sending th
we had a patrol
There had been n
morale if I went
nothing was goin
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smashed down so
his ear I said I
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get the hell out
never thrown one
sounded like a .
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company on the r
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a burned out hou
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walking the line
gun position was
alongside the ho
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Corporal Turner
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gun. I wasn't go
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walking the line
in front of the
I had just come
was happening. I
side of the hous
happened?' He sa
he?' 'He's right
sheep. The grass
could have read
em.' He said, 'I
his .45 in his r

end in pulling t
from his .45 and
And then he popp
burying my face
with fragments r
to his feet and
Turner, I'm goin
over there--the
the flank. You w
there!' I wasn't
distance between
by the time I go
he's pointing hi
spot, saying 'ge
pointing at his
up on his flank
and I said, Corp
he wants a good
Will you take th
take that little
around sort of l
and said I was s
the course and n
that is if its w
record. He'd bee
reached a point
nothing left.

"When we got u
British unit tha
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itself and ran s
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3rd for support

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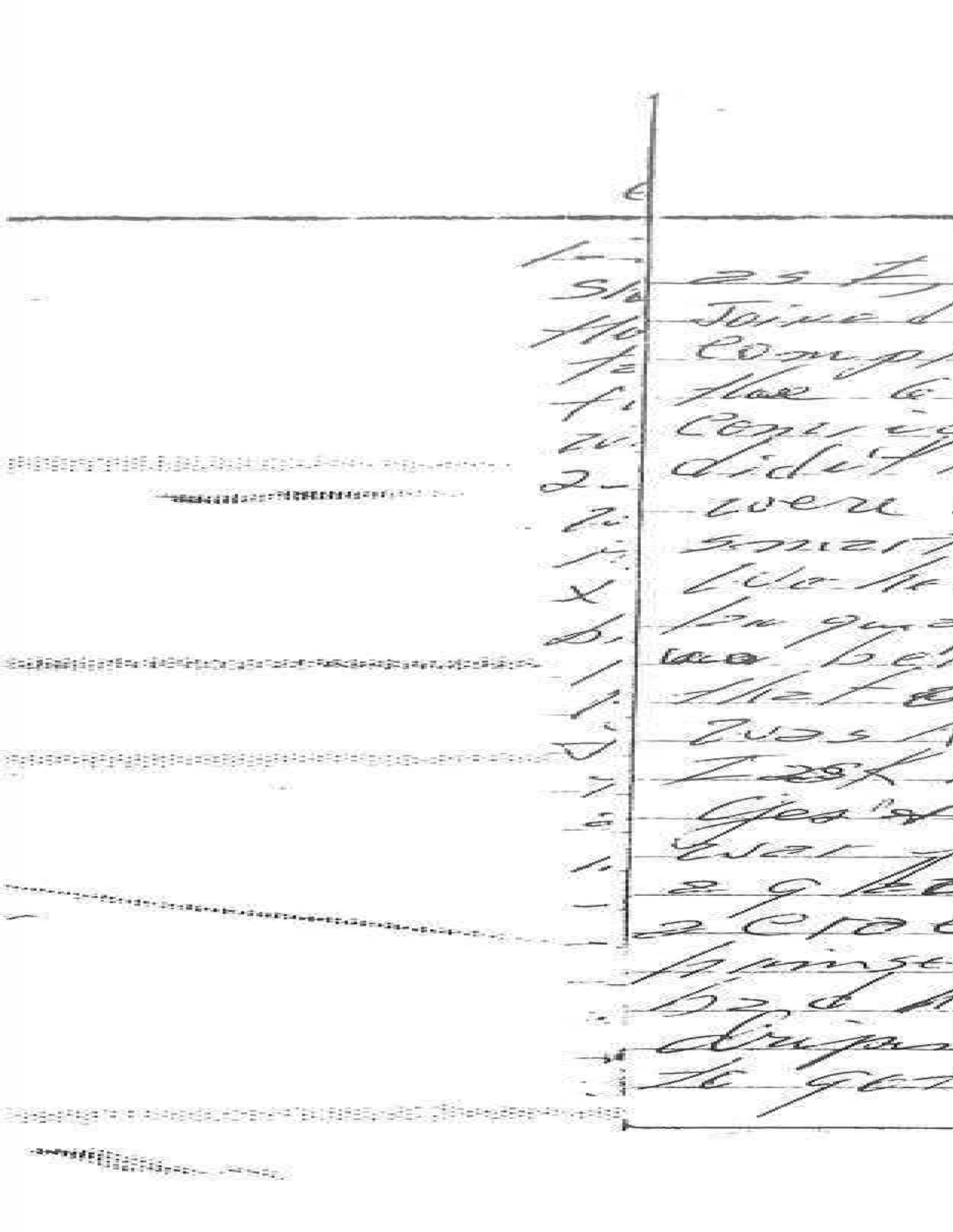

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Bobby Hunter co
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22nd. "D" Company
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Compton and mysel
town two or three
of withdrawal but

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afforded cover an

"As we approac
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platoon was lead
and hook up for
a guy named Smit
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"I don't recal
next morning or
took up position
(Veghel-Erp road
dug us a hole bi
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tion against tan
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could see but it
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ing at both them
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Pvt. Bobby Hun
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close to the dit
and he stopped f
"Meanwhile Fin
farther north. I
helmet. He said

shoot the German
all the way down
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Bill Drubeck to
and bandage on i
himself. Good ol
station.

"About this tim
up a 60mm mortar
of my hole. They
started dropping
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fire a round."

"I went back t
again. I took my
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German was going
and loaded down
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"Later in the
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that we could ha
by it.
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ing and hollerin
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ton, Sexton and
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side.
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ures. I knew our

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get one with a s

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form to shoot to
at me. (I hadn't
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mad then. I said
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and carefully sl
very quietly and
waited but he ne
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but it was week of date of advance.

I REMEMBER WHERE I WAS AND WHAT I WAS
DOING THE DAY I FIRST HEARD ABOUT
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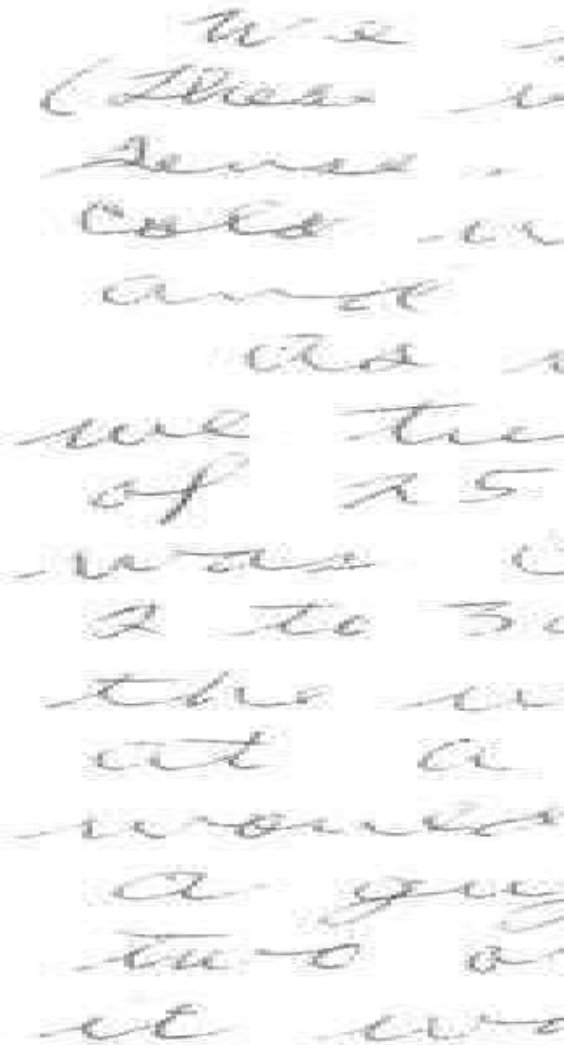
WORKING AT A SUMMER CAMP FOR
AMERICAN KIDS. I WAS ON MY WAY
HOME AND I WAS STUCK IN LONDON



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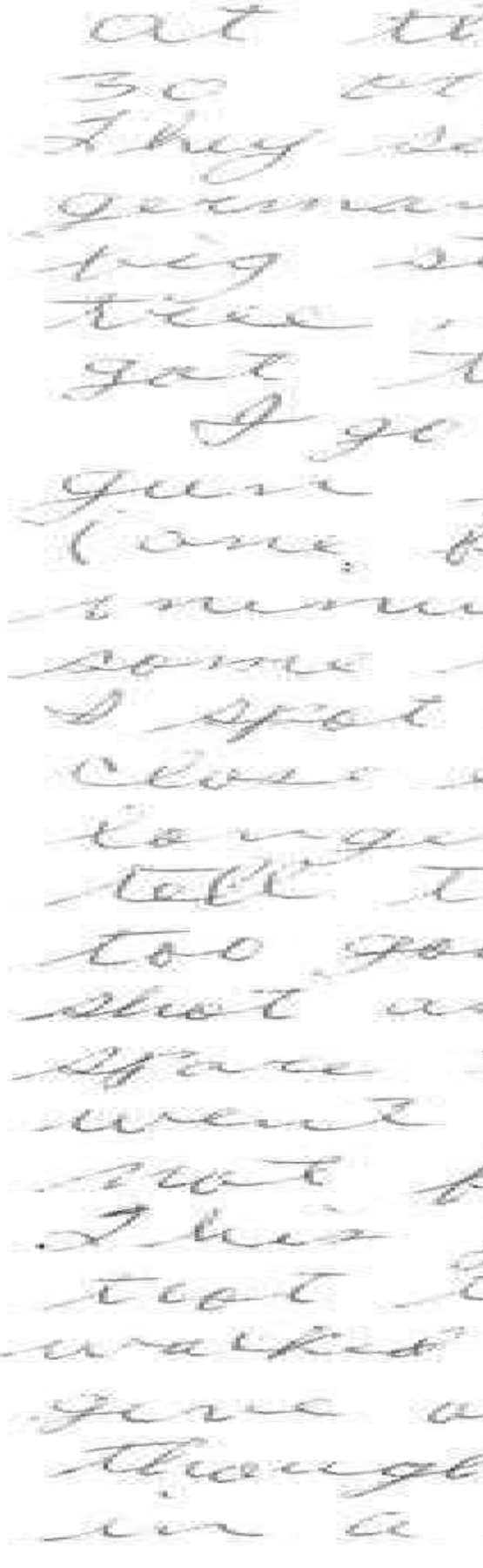

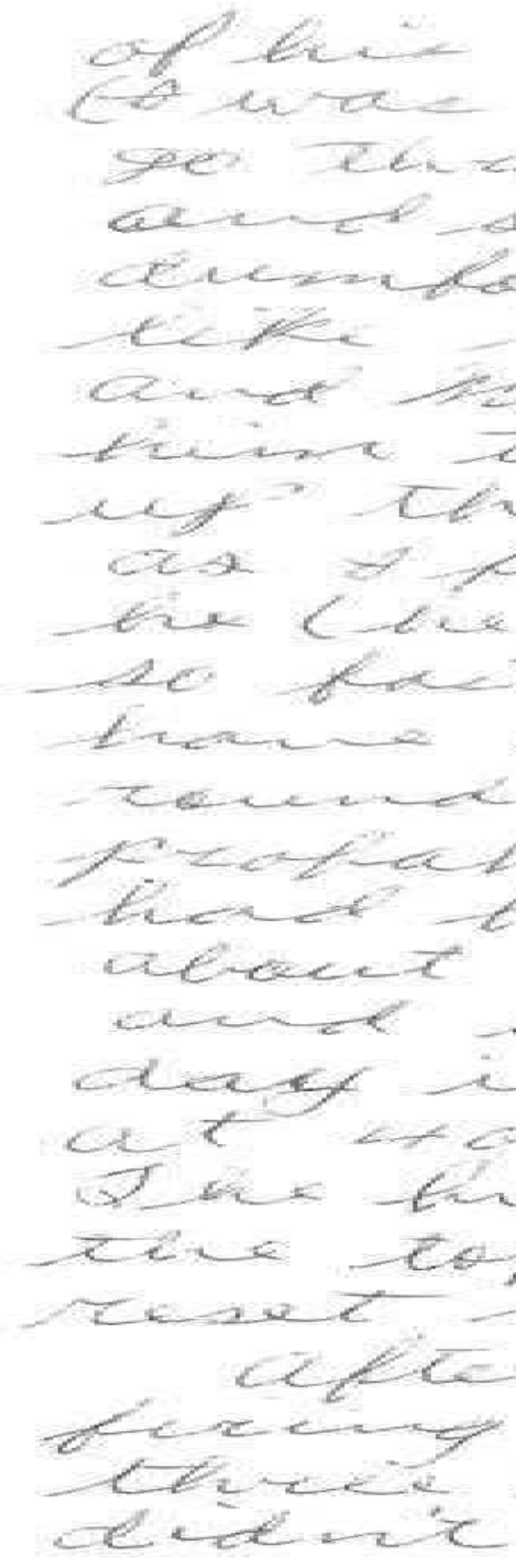

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am writing to you to express my deep concern about the
proposed development on the old factory site. As a long-time
resident of this area, I believe that the project will have a
significant impact on the local community and environment.

While I understand the need for economic growth and
development, I am worried that the scale of the project is
too large for the area. The increased traffic, noise, and
pollution will be detrimental to the quality of life for
those living nearby. Additionally, the loss of green space
and the destruction of the natural habitat will have a
negative impact on the local wildlife.

I would like to request that the planning committee
reconsider the proposal and take into account the concerns
of the community. I believe that a smaller, more
environmentally friendly development would be more
appropriate for the site.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

[illegible]

Mama, can I put your lipstick on?

Why do you want to, honey?

Because I want to look pretty like you.

You don't need lipstick to look pretty.

But Mama, I want to look like you.

You look beautiful just the way you are.

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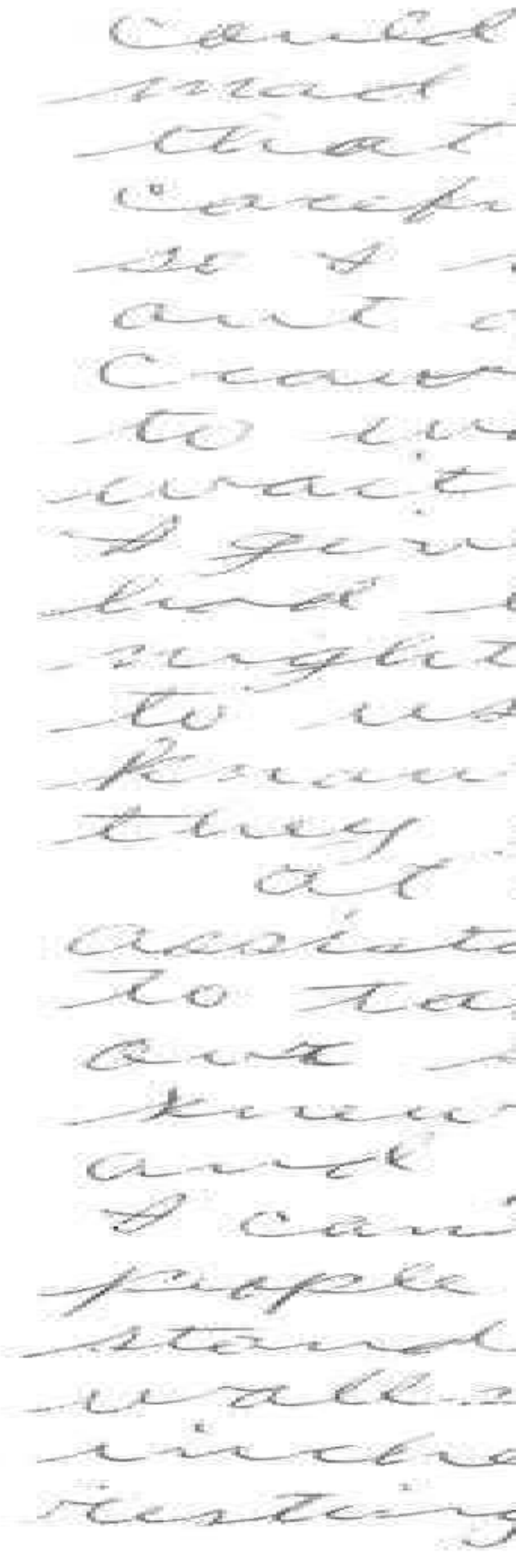

2nd Platoon 3rd

I:D

NAME & Rank: Pvt Bobby G. Hu

CURRENT ADDRESS RR #1 So

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATTE

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AND SECONDARY MISS

(B) Did anything unusual happ
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ATTACK ATTACK Tha

(C) Do you recall names of ot
slider? LT. E. B Cahill
DRUBACK ASST MACHINE Gu

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
SWEDGRASS Platoo
Who was first sergeant? Ed D
Medic? Jose

(F) What recollections do you
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Eff Team Leader
affecting Cpl
right wing wing

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our fatigue a
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completely exposed.

J) Describe some of the ways
six-week sojourn on the i
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also a little

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L) In what way(s) were you s
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making sure I

M) What is your most vivid m
tank inside

N) Have you ever gone back t
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were your friends during t

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P) Have you exchanged visits
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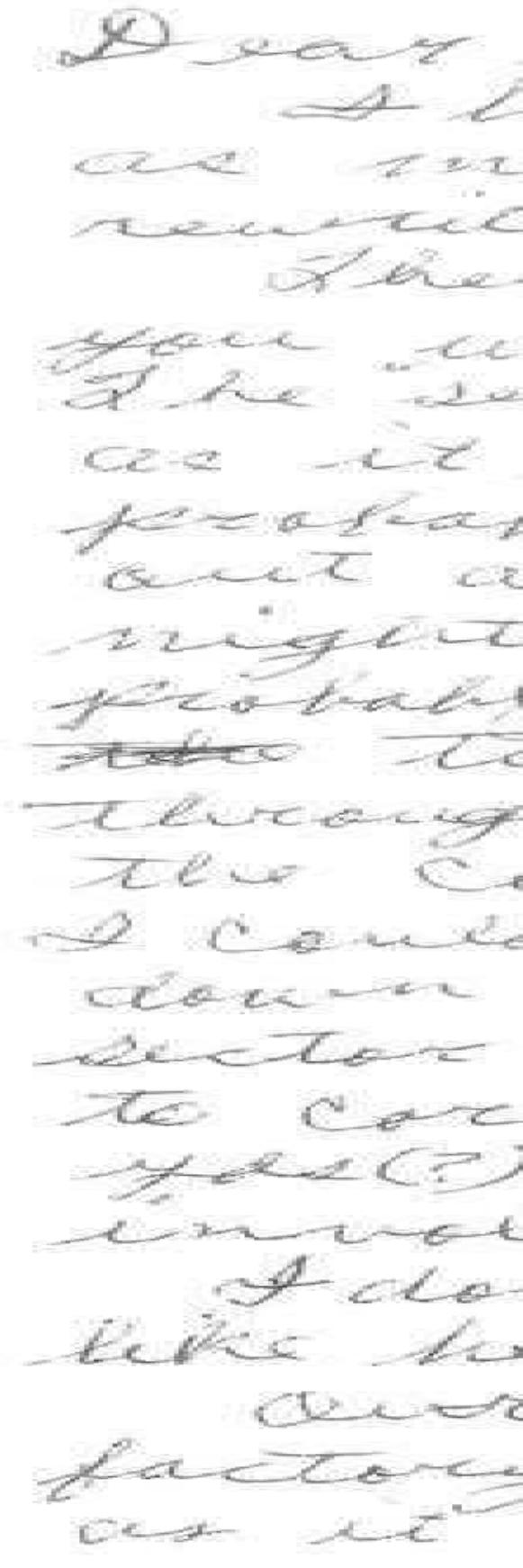

Dear Mom and Dad,

I'm writing from Paris, France! I'm having a wonderful time here. The weather is beautiful, and I've been visiting many famous landmarks. Yesterday, I went to the Eiffel Tower and took a picture at the top. The view was amazing!

Tomorrow, I'm planning to visit the Louvre Museum. I've been learning about art history, and I'm excited to see the Mona Lisa in person. I've also been practicing my French, and I can order food and ask for directions now.

I miss you both very much, and I can't wait to see you when I get back. I'll bring you some souvenirs from my trip.

Love,

Emily

Mrs. Lucy Hyde Cunningham
Mrs. Lucy Hyde Cunningham
Mrs. Lucy Hyde Cunningham

3rd
Hd

office of the
commissioner

Name: Mr. Ray Lappegaa

XX I have since located

13. Each battalion had ap
names of any of those
was listed as MIA aft
are listed as KIA fro
you know anything abo

2. Name Mr. Ray Lappegaard
Hq. Co.

October 3, 1965

Mr. Ray Lappegaard
[illegible] Asbury St.
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Ray:

Many thanks for your
details, memos and
good wishes.

Before I forget, re
Pittsburgh 27, Sgt
battalion communicat
and Bro. Jim Watt
for us Wednesday in

Am sending you a li
for each guy but re
isn't much but a lot

Then, I'm mentioned
at the end of the
of this column and
because I like you
was it in the Navy
over some old letter
to [illegible] memory

The reason you didn't
[illegible] at the Sup
sergeant somewhere

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by any chance guy
identity of the mus
assistant [illegible] your

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at it you. I sug
the time is given
me sort of a pizzo
not seem that late

I have three tie's
bases. They didn't
very close proximity
General Tax all the

Thank you again Ray

October 15, 1965

Mr. George Koskimak
1391L Edmore Drive
Detroit, Michigan L

Dear George:

Thank you for the d
an opportunity to j
Please let me know

I knew Arnold Kanto
experience. He did
turned back and he
that this happened
have required more
Dan Shearer is well
the person in charg
that he was an offi
I'm rather surprise
can't remember the
remember the incide

It was wonderful to
information on join
on which I might of
want to impose on y
of other items you
appreciative. I wi
like to be put on t

Again thanks.

RL:ek

October 2, 1963

Mr. Ray Lappegaard
3018 Asbury Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Ray:

Before I do anything
the 10lst or should
collect Lincoln Divi
The dues are $5.00.
and one to Hilliard
either occasion. P
sent home in the l

I wrote to Arnold R
Mrs. Lee was to be
but we apparently w
new plaques filling
and headed back to
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from Kent and walk
the Mayr. This rem
that about $5 to $
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cost three dollars
becoming a Clamart
open door. There w
three kids, two dat
first degree black
it wasn't good.

Bob Kyle sent me a
and the post marks
killed near Duppev
identified at last
write to Julian Swe
Europe. Have had f
them this evening.
Get-ins and p. t. st
through the mail se
Free Press tomorrow
was a cute chick.
our efforts. I'm o

Will keep you poste
teachers raid to tip
stage. Thanks again

First Sgt. Robe

1. Name 1/Sgt Robert Ryal
Assigned Unit 4g-3-

2. Who were the ranking off

3. If you were a radio oper
units were you to contac
a. Which type of radio e
(Circle one, explain
b. How was your radio se
ment bundle? (Circle
c. How did your radio ec
radio was recovered,
were lost. Bundles

d. Did you encounter any
Resist Less. Bl
e. Did you contact any e
Enemy left wi
f. If you were in the U

4. If you were a fireman, w

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b. Use additional equip
Equipment was lefe
c. How much of your bed

5. Use the remainder of the
friendly or otherwise).
in headquarters or night b
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Battle - Less I w
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Never also bird
Saturn but bird o
Ever we are bus
To me Bird of m
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Can. At so sl
Me we it mou
Battery well a
Me will (swan) Co
Was sweetness in the
We owe Bright as
We me Reached

6. If not a radioman or a w

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REVISED. COL CHE
THAT HE WAS

1. Name Mr. Thomas Fabec
Member of which unit w
Marine Co
2. Please circle campaig
borne Division: (No
3. Did you parachute into
job on this mission?
4. Were you acquainted wi
wiremen, or message ce
5. If yes, can you supply
Clifford Grant -
Lee Schiering
6. If you were a member o
were you with Colonel
involved in any of the
If not, do you know a
these actions? _____
7. If you were a member o
at Lee Droueries? No
_____
8. Do you know any of the
List any you know: _____
9. Do you know the name
he survive the war? _____
10. Can you recall the co
as for food, weapons
_____
11. If you were a member o
call a soldier named
he survive the war? _____
_____
12. If you were sent out
of D-day, how did you
lights? We have
Only 1 of us h
THEM R 2 4 DAYS
(Please fill this out to
just sign the sheet and
The material is for a bo
contributions will make

Mr. George [illegible]
1309 Ludmere Drive
Detroit, Michigan [illegible]

Dear George:

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
along with Fla[illegible]
cycles. All of us
Dr. I have never be
[illegible]

[illegible]
William F. Sch
Hal J. Haas (Ch
announced next [illegible]
James T. Schen
Dr. William F
Ralph [illegible]
Walter J. Sch
Edmund [illegible]

[illegible]
we will all [illegible]
(2) to bring [illegible]
tuted a great deal
peripheries my mind had
ever but it has been
stions on [illegible]
just south of [illegible]

If I can be of
Good Luck on your [illegible]

PS: X (or my) [illegible]
appointment yet
will [illegible]
with him.

George E. Koskimaki
13914 Edmore Drive
Detroit, Michigan 4

October 16, 1965

First Sgt. Robert R
Box 64
Ft. Davis, Canal Zo

Dear Sergeant Ryale

Many, many thanks f
ago. I have since
a questionnaire to
hasn't answered his
help. He sent me m
current ones in the
written to Gus Bern
headquarters man in
will reply to the t
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ment and not as a t

I recall Arnold qui
had a couple in the
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month of August, 19
17th Airborne Divis
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noted that you were
North Carolina.

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map you would so go
account because it
particular one? Wh
oblique maps there?
use but his wife or
a photostat made of

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for him while anoth
research from that
last year. I seem

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to Major Legere's a
trying to learn his
he was positive the
helmet. Who would

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plastic luminous co
the foot of the bed
and making the "lil

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silver stars for it
night tell exagger
a beauty, dress of
a hideaway. I i

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and has been told e
it in their photos
a large group of et
passed them i said
she said they were
au pass tray. didn't

I've enjoyed creati
of school to our f
ance. General Tayl
for our effort at b
the troops who prot
these kids have who
money during the sa
country all the way
thing like that.

Will wait for word
certainly enjoyed h

George hoekimaki

Mr. George L. Koskim
1391& Edmore Drive
Detroit, Michigan 48

Dear George:

Roger on your l
helped you some and
able to put somethin

Yes, you may us
negative of that par
only 2 or 3 days tie
1:100,000, Cherbourg

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but I have no idea w
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time but it might wo

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or another but don't
to answer that. I'm
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with the jumper, plu
ain't what it used t

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at Bastogne.

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Mr. Jack F. Thornton
2537 NW 55th Terrace
Oklahoma City, Oklaho

Dear Mr. Thornton:

It is almost three yea
manuscript I've been worki
has changed. I've even le
Vince Blau and Paul Wilts
were in your stick.

This may strike close
ville area this past summe
jumpers get back to our li
bank of the flooded Douve-
from ambush as they were
jump to the boat. This ma
captured.

He wanted to find out
so much to make my visit
of these men. He showed
two tanks being guarded by
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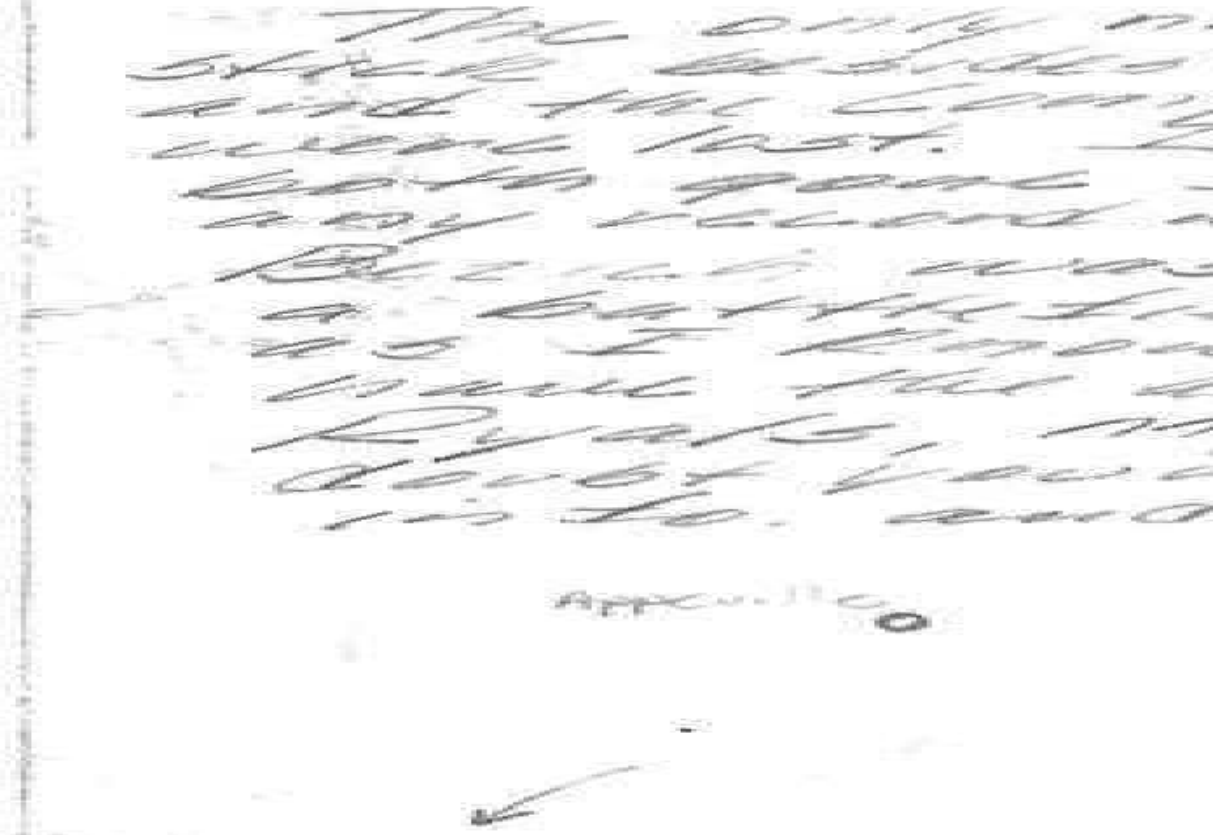


Name Mr. Jack F. Thornto
your rank on D-day? Ca
you belong? 3rd Battalion

1. Can you recall anythin
for the mission, reale

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?

3. Did anything occur as

4. What was your jump lik

5. Did you encounter any
describe:

6. What did you do once y

7. Did you find other men
you can recall:

8. How many of these men

9. Did you accomplish your

10. Who was the officer in
many men did he collect

11. Do you recall the name
finders from your outf

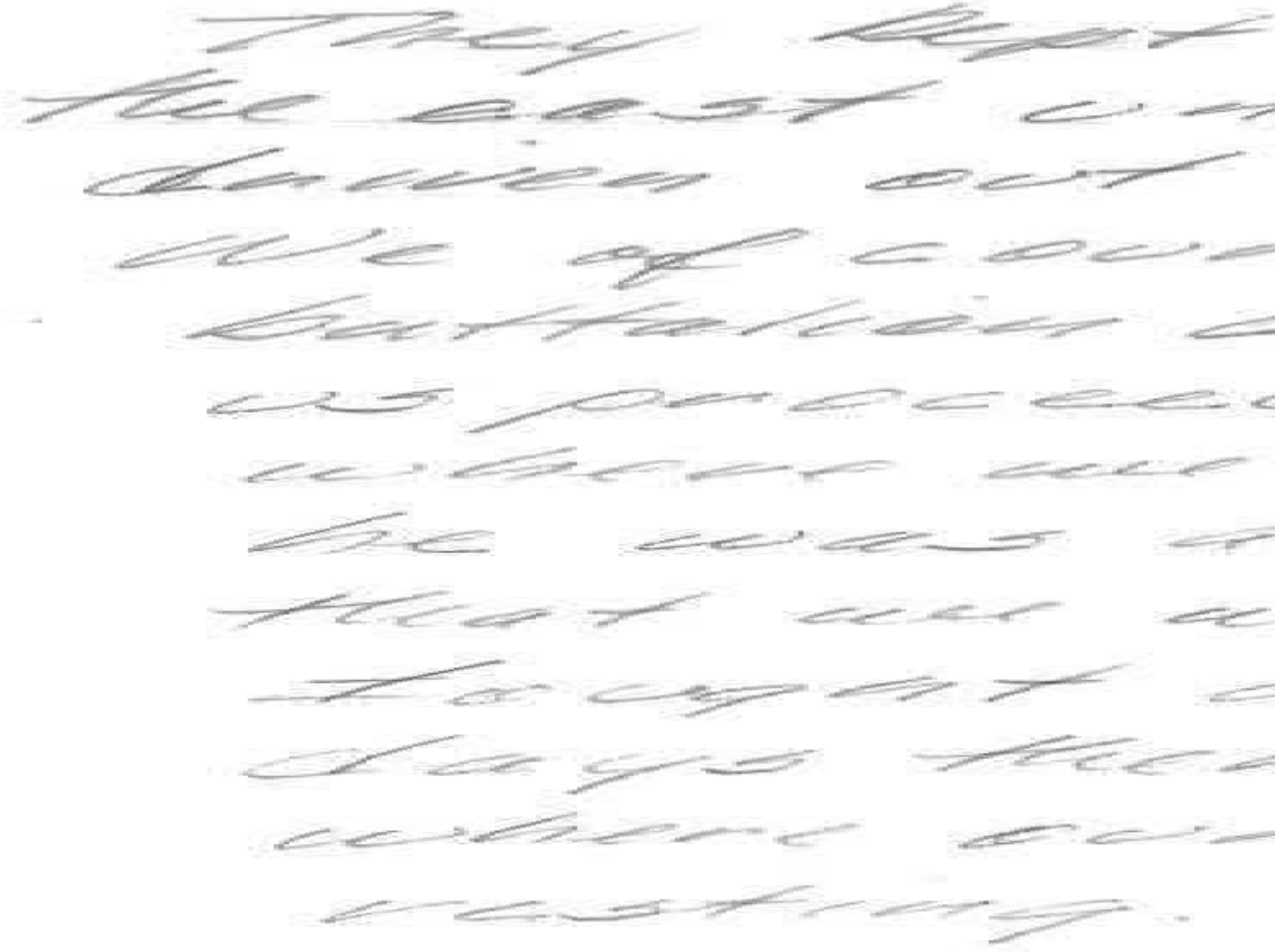
12. Describe as best you c

13. Name your company comm
pearl, company clerk, c

HEAD

Joseph D. Abell
Ambrose Allie
John A. Alexander (Cpl) KIA
Clifford Army (Commo)
Glenn W. Bartlett (Commo)
Pvt Lester Bartlett (Commo)
Charles L. Bahr
PFC Herman F. Bailey KIA
Frank C. Bedisky
Gus Bernardoni (Commo)
Sgt Vincent Bezich (Hqtrs)
Vincent F. Blau (Commo)
Pvt Albert I. Blessing KIA
T/5 Henry J. Billings (Pfd
Robert Bowman
Pvt Jerry Bradson (Commo)
Major William Braden Ex O
William K. Brand
Capt. Frank L. Brown (Pfdr
Steve Rykowsky
Cpl Matt Castle (Commo)
Lt. Paul M. Cote (S-3) KIA
Sanford O. Cox
Clifton Cromer
R. A. Crow
Sgt James Curry (H/C Commo
Lt. H. B. Dagnaar S-4
Robert Emerson
Pvt Spencer E. Byerly (Pfd
Lt. Col. Julian Ewell (In
Thomas Fabec (MD)
Lt. Charles H. Faith (Pfdr
T/Sgt Charles E. Fakes (S-3)
Pete Fotos
William W. Goodsell
Cpl William Grant (Medic)

I have current addresses f
Do you know where Charles
coming down on a roof top
going to shoot him? They
scene in the nick of time.



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Regimental Unit Hq. Co.

2. Who [illegible] the ranking of
in Regiment ...

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d. Did you encounter an

e. Did you contact any

f. If you were in the D

4. If you were a wireman,

a. What wire equipment

b. Was additional equip

c. How much of your D-d
further of in
that was taken

5. (See the remainder of th
friendly or otherwise)
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and I and 3rd Bn
which can get a
we made contact
Charley. Never
get the jump.
enemy signal
that we were

If for
individual battle
encampment
SGT. Robt. R
and could pres
Head Forward

6. If not a radioman or a w
the clerk - I
where derelict in
we proceeded to

Doctor:

1. Did you know any of
sixteen assigned to
one particular soldi
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in front of me. I k
diamond of the 501st
Waldman who was the
he doesn't belong to
of a clue. Perhaps
Carrell is practicin
a practicing MD has
of Brookfield, Illin
Answer to 1. _____

2. At least two former
the commo platoon.
501st is listed in t
could possibly be a

3. Lt. Dan Shearer was
I checked my diary I
letters I wrote to a
stamp on them. How
drinking? He didn't

4. Did you end up assem
_____. I am in
very much that your
work, some messages
I have a copy of the
invasion troops. Pa
in Washington and to
had one of your litt
that little machine

5. I took the list of m
not one man belongs
and found only Don S
go to the library an

6. Captain Brown has be
has an address for h

7. On question 12 in lo
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Carlsen who used to
cords wrapped around
the little wives.

Name: Chester J. Wetsig
your rank on D-day? S
did you belong? Headquart

1. Can you recall anythi
for the mission, meal
Ate a Combo

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?
Very Dumb
for the Airborne

3. Anything occur as you
Cleared the plane
Out to a stick of air.

4. What was your jump li
Just after midnight

5. Did you encounter any
describe: The old
to Recruit Training

6. What did you do once
tried to get to
Gathered Equipment
Circled then

7. Did you find any othe
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How many of these men

8. What was your particul
the Bn Headquarters
Carrying

9. Did you accomplish yo
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to Jump Number

10. Who was the officer i
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many men did he collec

11. Describe as best you c
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and in Dark
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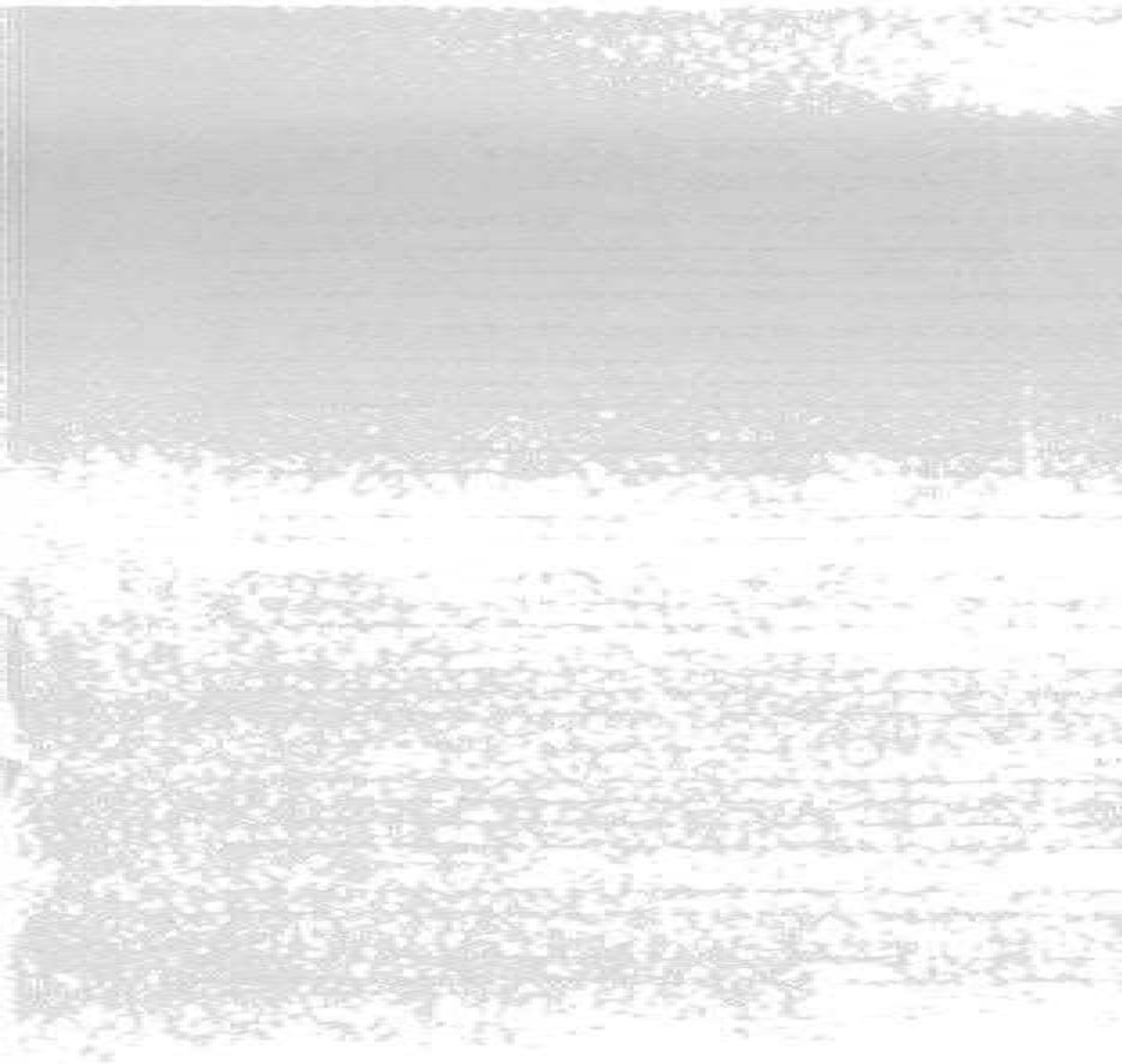
Field Uniform
the Equipment
Jumped Fully
with Parachute Equipped
Rifle Machine Gun

12. Do you recall the name
particular day?



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e. Did you contact any

f. If you were in the D

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a. What wire equipment
b. Was additional equip

c. How much of your D-d
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5. Use the remainder of th
friendly or otherwise).
in Rendezvous or Night
[illegible]

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Pfc Chester

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b. Was additional equip

c. How much of your D-d
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Commo Sgt?

5. Use the remainder of th
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in Rendezvous or Fight
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Battalion
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operability
with the pla
his radio
Regimental
the night,
back light,

6. If not a regiman or a w
Bn Comm

PFC Robert A.
member of the co
chute Infantry.
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him. (Bernardoni
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NAME+RANK( ) Robert A. C

CURRENT ADDRESS P.O. Box 17

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/~~BATTE~~

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? See Bec
NORMANDY MISSION? —

(A) What was the mission of y
Prev. Det Com
3 RD Battalion

(B) Did anything unusual happ

(C) Do you recall names of ot
glider? In Sticky
Herbert. Ken C

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
Lucky Lee Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? L
Medic? C

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? I Sti
Before Dawn, e
Lucy was the
Beck was Brecke
There Jr Je. L
Your Pilot, W
(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during
In Carentan to

Screaming Eagle

(I) What was your most harrowi
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(J) Describe some of the ways
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(K) Do the actions of any indi
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(L) In what way(s) were you as
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Extraordinary

(M) What is your most vivid me
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(N) Have you ever gone back to
Yes. If yes, were you abl
were your friends during t

(O) Describe briefly what you
Discharged Early
in Feb 45 Purple
Married Mary in 30

(P) Have you exchanged visits
____ If Yes, name some of t
Jack Thornton
Beck
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to Date Up to Ge
or Those Last

Normandy We ha
of Horse s
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then got into Pa
where I was
credit for th

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Worcester Ap
Bronte Terri

IND

NAME Richard L. Klein

CURRENT ADDRESS 403 Shawnee

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATTE

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? yes
NORMANDY MISSION? In Normandy
Holland was like a practice jum

(A) What was the mission of yo
To hold Sende and protect the

(B) Did anything unusual happe
at the airdrone. McKearney & I w
(C) Do you recall names of oth
glider? The late Liddle Hilto

(D) Who was in charge of that
(E) Who was your company/batte
Hilton - Platoon Platoo
(F) Who was first sergeant? __
Medic? Luther

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? I had never jump
how to attach the bundle to my l
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fairly quick move to Sende. I d
the 101th that we made solid cont

(use additional space if nece

(H) Much action took place bet
island between the two branch
memorable experiences during
Lt. Hilton, Sgt. Jake Wingard, a
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crest, and matter of factly said
attached to Capt. Wallace's 1 Co
ours, the 3rd Bn repelled severa
more active & effective in Holla
One in particular, did a hell of
Thomson & John Alexander, took
were in, and left unscathed. One
(which was about 75 yds. from th
either was confused in the fog o

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri
& I were sent forward to the Brit
hitched a ride on a jeep. It wa
out his forst round into the jeep
touched the three of us. At was
that I realized what a beau
(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) S
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of the contents of the British s
Normandy and very shortly Bastogn

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation?
due) Lt. Harrison was alw
make contact with us, he was alw
if friend or foes were in the ar
(L) In what way(s) were you
They were generous wit
the drop. Certainly, there neve
any occasion to be personally in
(M) What is your most vivid
at the bell tower [not a church
George, the General's account of
say the least. Among other thing
Meaney
(N) Have you ever gone back
Yes, twice If yes, were you a
were your friends during
was in their backyard (garden a

(O) Describe briefly what yo
returned to Ohio State for fou

(P) Have you exchanged visit
Yes___ If Yes, name some of
Les Jones, Eckhardt, Joe Reill

Richard L. Kle
in Normandy. "In M
backyard in Blosvi
Sunny, quiet, a so
The mission of
road leading to Ve
The jump was r
himself and our Fr
were getting ready
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K. D. Stone and Ji
Bezich was 1st ser
Red Walker were th
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release and lower
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and a fairly quick
17th. It wasn't un
"I made sergea
Wingard and I were
sand dunes immedia
took a rifle round
I'm dead! He was.
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in order to keep t
Holland than in No
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night and killed S
prisoner, set fire
unscathed. One fog
dugout (which was
to face with a Ger
of WWII."
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arrived on the isl
the British positi

hitched a ride on
crossroad, a Germ
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of us. It wasn't
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and Heteren area.
As for making
in a house. Havin
of cattle, chicke
of the contents o
It beat the hell
For heroism:
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one who would cre
foes were in the
accross the river
side was typical

"My recollect
and we landed in
than the jump in
deal of difficul
it was a nice br
complaining of h
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ever, he seemed
paying a lot of
My earliest
and then back ag
of the Sand Dune
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we were up again
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this schoolbuild
of that building
and as best I ca
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whom I think wer
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eted and living
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radios to tune i
helpful informat
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George Koskimaki
1222 Charleston Court
Northville, Michigan 481

Dear George:

Thanks very much
in-law, Mr. Brooks is doin
tally so you may hear fro
illustrate.

Getting back to H
Battalion of the 501st w
always thought it was b
anything unusual in the
strangely, I can't remem
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our Communications Off
First Sergeant was Bezic

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a nice, relatively soft, o
at night and involved a
In Holland it was a nice
ing of having hurt his b
suffering from the disabi
of himself so I wasn't rea

My earliest memor
back again and fighting
trying to get through th
artillery fire.

Initially the time
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recall, an 88, landed ver
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Dellapenta. The explosi
a while. When I woke up

Thinking you have
helpful in getting your p
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ing the time we were up
were living in houses tha
fact, eating off china on

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the medics could do and I
Canadian hospital in Antw
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knocked unconscious by t
hospital and then was un
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into broadcasts by the Ge
way. Again my most viv
room in the school buildin

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of different jobs. In fac
from that what I've been
he's here in town. And o
He was in the 1st Battillio

It was good to hear
your book out. If I can an

RL.s

Hägar the Horrible /
I CAN'T TELL THE DIF
BETWEEN A SWEDE,
OR A NORWEGIA

EXPERIENCE

1980 – Present	V
1979 – 1980	A
1977 – 1979	V D
1975 – 1977	V
1971 – 1975	C M
1969 – 1971	V C
1967 – 1969	D
1966 – 1967	C
1965 – 1966	C
1963 – 1965	A C
1959 – 1963	V O
1955 – 1959	D S
1948 – 1955	P &

EDUCATION

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Board Member	C
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Life Member	M

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12/1942 – 12/1945	P

PERSONAL

Date of Birth	S
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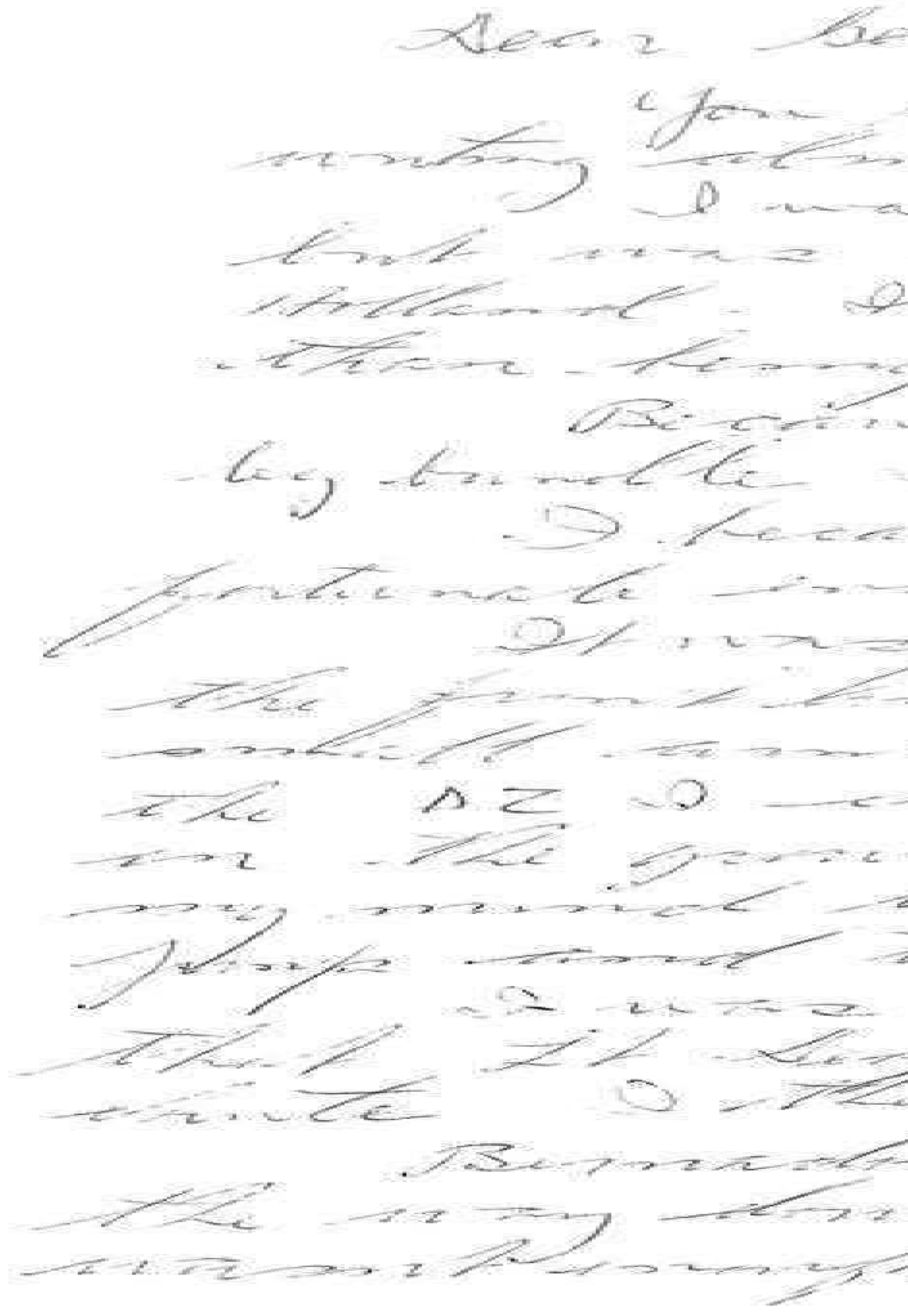

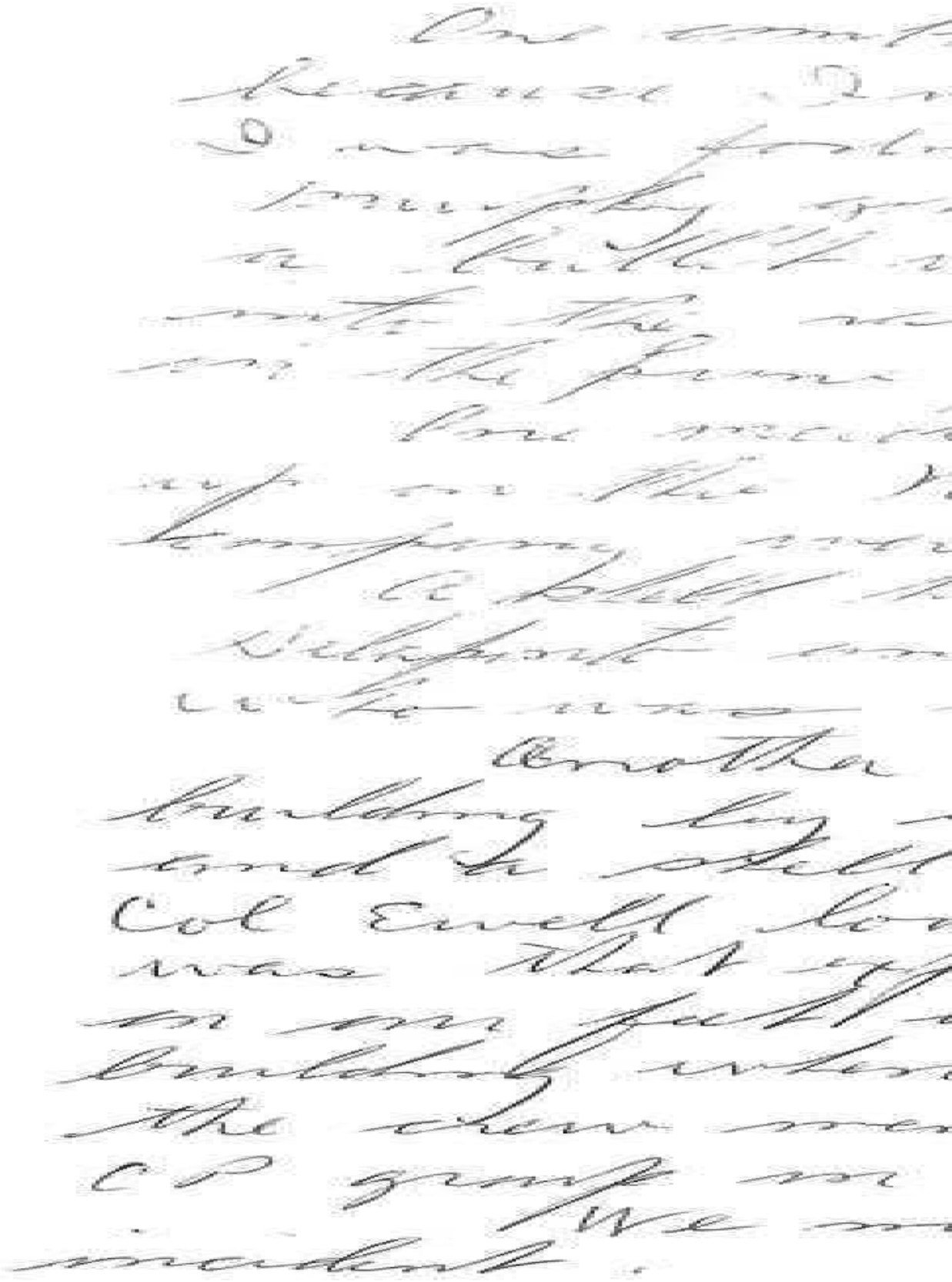

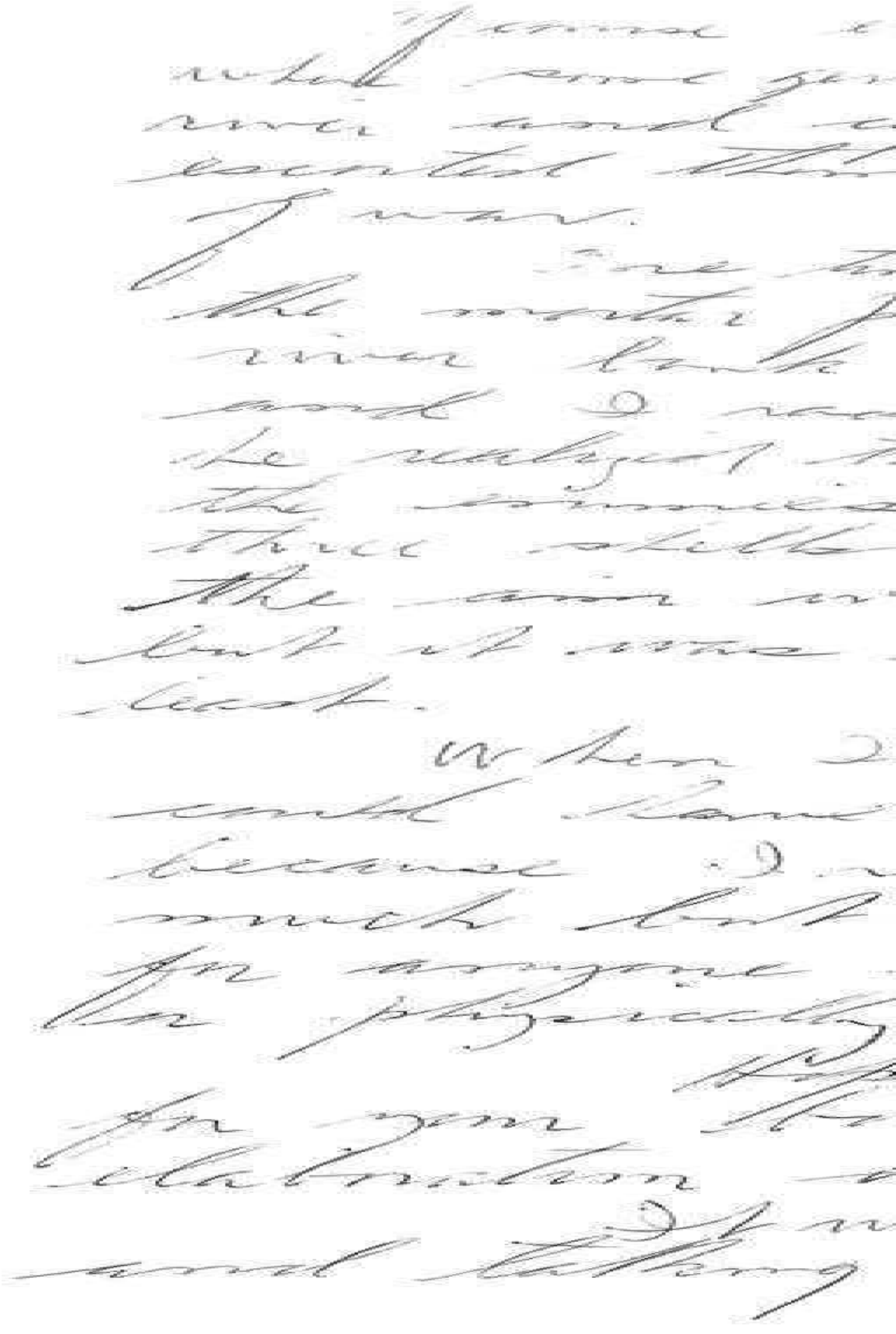

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17, 1944, the 3rd
near the village
jump, Mr. J. A. A
full Dutch milita
and act as interp
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sive positions on
River (Nijmegen)
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civilians were co
case involved a c
Phillips Company
the time we had f
becoming dark soo
night creeping el
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parents home. Th

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said, 'Here take
have painted, as
to accept it--not
friend but the su

of the battle and
killed when the w
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to locate Henk an
them. John did a
divorced wife in
and his parents.
an international
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told me that Henk
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that Mr. Zijlmans
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too embarassed an
town. No one knew
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IN

NAME & Rank: [illegible]

CURRENT ADDRESS [illegible]

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? [illegible]
NORMANDY MISSION? [illegible]

[illegible]

(A) What was the mission of
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(P) Have you exchanged visits
If Yes, name some of

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTI

CPL JOSEPH D. ABELI
CPL JOHN A ALEXANDER (KIA)
PFC AMBROSE H. ALLIE
PVT PETER J. AMONS
RAYMOND E. ASHWORTH
PVT ROBERT E. ANGLIN
PVT CLIFFORD M ARMY (DIED)
LUTHER W. ANDERSON
TERRY C. AZNAKIAN
PVT CHARLES J. BAHR — Died 2/12
PFC HERMAN F. BAILEY
SGT JOSEPH H. BAKER
PFC ALEX BANKO (KIA)
HOMER E. BARKER
★ ROBERT M. BARRICK
★ PFC GLENN W. BARTLETT ✓
★ T/5 JAMES L. BEAM ✓
FRANK C. BEDOSKY
PASQUALLA BENNENUTA
★ PVT WALTER E. BENOTSCH
★ PVT AUGUST BERNARDONI ✓
★ PFC VINCENT W. BEZICH ✓
PFC EDWARD H. BLACK
T/5 VINCENT F. BLAU ✓
DEXTER E. BOIES
PVT JAMES W. BOWIE (KIA)
PFC WILLIAM G. BRADDON
MAJ WILLIAM BRADEN (EXO)
PVT WILLIAM K. BRAML ✓
SAMPSON BRINGTHEM
SGT ELMER H. BROWN
★ PFC STEPHEN BYKOWSKY ✓
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PVT MATTON L. CASTLE
PVT THOMAS CHAPMAN
ALBERT W. CHARPENTIER DIED
★ PVT LYLE W. CHRISTNER
WALTER J. CHROUST
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T/4 GEORGE N. CORBIN
1LT PAUL M. COTE (KIA)
T/5 SANFORD C. COX
R. A. CROWE
PVT FRANCIS CRUTHERS ✓
SGT JAMES CURRIE ✓
PVT ROBERT L. CURRY
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GEORGE R. DAYHUFF
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PVT RICHARD DALGADILLO (KI
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PFC GEORGE W. MORGAN
PVT GEORGE D. MORRIS (KIA)
T/5 HARVEY L. MORSON
PVT EARL W. MOSS
HARRY M. MOURER
JOHN S. MUHA
T/4 THOMAS P. MURPHY
PVT WILLIAM J. MURPHY
T/4 GEORGE R. MURRAY (KIA)
JOHN E. MYERS
PAUL S. MYERS
* SSG FELIX A. NANCE (SUP)
* PVT GEORGE E. NEALE
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PFC HERBERT L. OAKLEY
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G. WILLIAM PENWITZ
* SSG ARCH C. PHILLIPS (MG)
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PFC WILLIAM PURDY (KIA)
T/4 WALTER J. RADEL (KIA)
PFC JOSEPH D. REILLY
* PFC WILBUR M. RHINEHART
PVT ELMER A. RITTER
JIMMIE O. ROBERTSON
1LT WILLIAM S ROBISON (KIA)
PVT MICHAEL ROFAR (PFDR*KIA)
* T/5 HARRY G. ROGERS
PFC JOSEPH K. ROGERS

The names on this roster ca
31, 1944 as we went to the
for the men at the time the
addresses for those underli
Association at the present

I was assigned to investigate several potential courts martial. In those where Dutch civilians were concerned Henk would go with me as interpreter. One case involved a civilian living as a displaced person in one of the Philips factory buildings in Eindhoven. We drove to Eindhoven, but by the time we had found the witness and interviewed him it was late and becoming dark so we after we left Eindhoven. We could see a motorbike might

Dear Mom,

I'm writing you this letter from my room. I'm sorry I haven't written you sooner, but I've been really busy with my studies. I'm also sorry that I haven't been able to call you. I've been trying to call you, but I've been getting your voicemail. I'm sorry that I haven't been able to call you. I've been trying to call you, but I've been getting your voicemail.

"I believe abo
to our plane and
White, a battalio
U S.A.

For the Hollan
and their mission
and St. Oedenrode

"About ten min
of our plane and

"I landed at D
G Company which w
the highway we he
about this time t
the road. As we s
to stop a German
German major, who
men didn't let hi

"The battle fo
(two days maybe)
points close by a
will take extra w
personal experien
of the 501st atta

"As a lineman
laying a telephon
toward Schinjdel.
supply of wire wa
and myself back t
night before that
light when we got
the road to Schin
I was in front, I
road crossing. I
area as I knew ab
here. As I stood
he turned off the
he was going, I d
of Germans was ju

on their way to E
buildings along t
About this time f
and the area was
realized this was
defense so again
was with Murphy a
a Red Cross jeep
driver soon saw t
as quick as possi
Murphy and I some
small arms fire c
few minutes later
rialroad crossing
German soldiers s
small arms fire b
enemy the first d
without harm to E

"As we (four o
enemy moving towa
the little town b
Veghel.

"Some time tha
had to fight thei
the next morning

"In the histor
may have by-passe
before in the dar
Eerde the next mo
wounded two days

Remembering as
British army got
folks and the Chu
which I was very

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NAME & Rank: James L. H

CURRENT ADDRESS P.O. Box

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/~~BATT~~

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? yes
NORMANDY MISSION? I bel
to airplane and strap gl to

(A) What was the mission of
I was a telephone operator
between Hillman Hart

(B) Did anything unusual hap
before I jump. I look out the

(C) Do you recall names of o
glider? No.

(D) Who was in charge of tha

(E) Who was your company/~~bat~~
Plato

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic? Don't

(G) What recollections do yo
this mission? I looked at
G.I.'s who was to cut the
we had the wire and hi
there was some small ar
we found out, the forward
when it didn't stop flying open
(use additional space if ne

(H) Much action took place b
island between the two bran
memorable experiences durin
Objective was a re
~~bad~~ developed into
close by as our Reg
take extra writing I
one personal experie
the 3rd Bn. of the 50
As a runner in
having a telephone
until objective was
relized our supply of wi
Mrs. Murphy and my self

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri
taken back to Eng

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) ____

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation? __
due) ____

(L) In what way(s) were you
Before the British Am
with town folks and the
thought, what I was re

(M) What is your most vivid
act in my memo
the people of Valkenb
is their liberati

(N) Have you ever gone back
Yes. If yes, were you a
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what yo
came back to my Lan
years ago I went to
Radio Astronomy Obse

(P) Have you exchanged visit
Yes If Yes, name some of
Pittsburg, Pa. about
some letters I go
the hospitality shown me
cannot repay. Truly

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Sen
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we had layed the night before that wasn't any longer being used. It was already day light when we got back to Cuba and started rolling our wire along the road to Schijndel. As we approached a crossing of a railroad and I was in front, I saw a German soldier coming toward me from the R.R Crossing. I was so startled at seeing a enemy soldier in the day time I had to pull

while we had just left and almost run over some German soldiers still there. They too made there escape in a hail of small arms fire but one turned their jeep & this jeep was a German one that was taken from the enemy the first day just before the crossing, but made it on foot and with them to safety

Communications
a memory of his
taken to a large
talion Exec offi
together and a l
window with fell
T/5 Walter Radel
were wounded."

"One incident
recalled by T/5
ters Company wer
side the window
but missed Sgt.

"We were back
were in abuildin
wrong side of th
the room and as
the window sill,
four of whom wer
knocked me uncon
leaf for a half

S/Sgt Ch

S/Sgt Chester W
501st Parachute I
commission, remem
small arms fire h
were greeted by c
On board our plan
S-2 and S-1 and c
"It was a parad
who were very col
was no enemy unti
AAA unit withdraw
"The next morni
position, I was o
line communicatio
future plans and
I had better get
teries, etc. Enro
to drive through
P. Murphy was wit
Lt. (Albert) Math
we rolled over (w
to Eerde where we
into the Germans
appeared and I bo
to Regiment this
a lot of VP's out
information and I
instructions. The
nearly got killed
find Murphy, Whit
Colonel Ewell who
the following mor
The most harrow
contact with the
back to a large h
Exec officer, a c
a large shell cam

standing on the
me were killed ar
W. J. Dellapenta
As for increasi
all made as the m
were great. We ha
He invited Genera
back."
Citing men for
Sam Bringthem, Ya
gunners and morta
set in their foxh
in the open. They
Sam Bringthem on
Most vivid memo
S-3, Elvy Roberts
when Colonel Ewel
want you to get y
down at 3rd Batte
"The Incredible
furnished them a

IN

NAME & Rank: S/Sgt Chester J.

CURRENT ADDRESS 2838 Taylor

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? Yes

(A) What was the mission of y

(B) Did anything unusual happ

(C) Do you recall names of ot
glider?

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic?

(G) What recollections do you
this mission?

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(H) Much action took place be
island between the two brand
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(J) Describe some of the ways
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) ___

(K) Do the actions of any ind
the Holland operation? Ye
due) ___

(L) In what way(s) were you a

(M) What is your most vivid m

(N) Have you ever gone back t
Yes. If yes, were you al
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what you

(P) Have you exchanged visits
Yes If Yes, name some of

Dear Ben

I just
I thought
finally
I guess I
I'm
for a second
I always
with Dr.
Grace ev
it with
I'm
Please see
within the
line
I'll not
address
e-
Phone
RT
Co

P.S. I have
sch

Tue Dthm
Asso. Bo
Meeting

Name Wilbur M. "Mac"

Street Address 2214 (S

Date of the 101st in

Campaign in which yo
Normandy - Holland
Jog your memory: (A
Company/Battery Comma

Other Company/Battery
Dan Shearer, Lt. Pau
Capt Bees

First Sergeant 1/Sg
Company/Battery Clerk

Platoon or Section Se

Do you have a copy of
anes of your old bud

Are you ever in conta
who might still be in
unit to which they be

Do you correspond wit
addresses, old or new
of last contact.
Name of former Sergean
Joseph Baker

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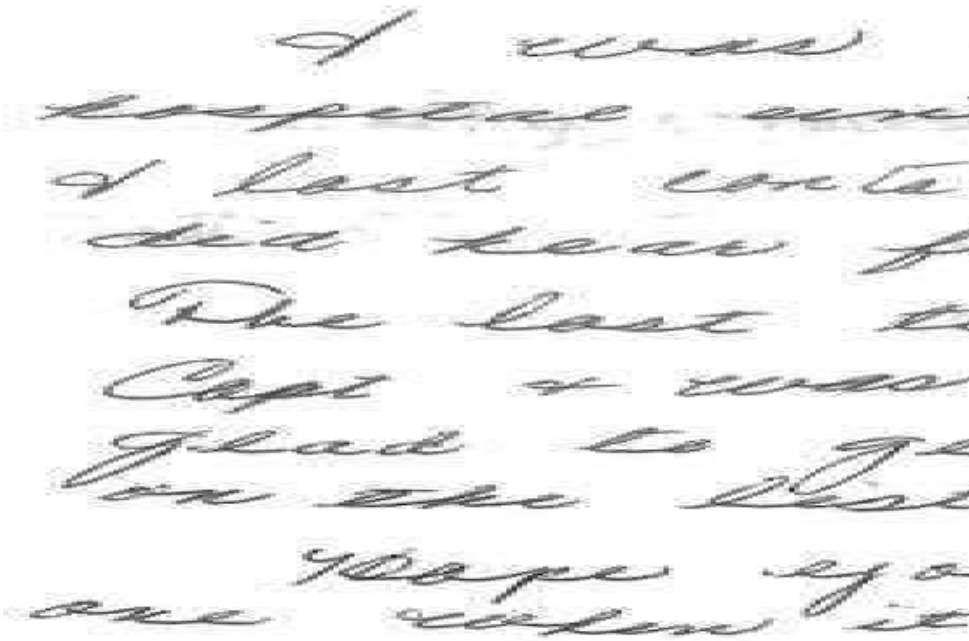

Dear George - I hope things seem to get

Name Brig. Gen. Julian J. your rank on D-day? Lt. C did you belong? Commandin

1. Can you recall anythin for the mission, meals Bn CO lec

2. What do you recall of Cotentin Peninsula? ___

3. Anything occur as you and walking th

4. What was your jump lik the D

5. Did you encounter any describe: wea

6. What did you do once y and started

7. Did you find any other recall: 2

How many of these men made up a

8. What was your particul

9. Did you accomplish you were put on

10. Who was the officer in ___. Wa many men did he collec

11. Describe as best you c Gen Taylor + Mc our assemb assault in

12. Do you recall the name particular day? ___

13. Do you know the pres
officer on D-day? ___
was with 11th Airbor
14. I have searched long
near Pouppeville whi
Colonel Legere wrote
he wanted to write t
Oliver a former medi
call his name. Do y

15. Three planes were lo
were the 36 paratroo
vivors (must have be

16. Have been in contact
Blau, Ray Lappegaard
Do you have any sugg

Name Mr. Charles E. Fake
your rank on D-day? T
you belong? H Company -

1. Can you recall anythin
for the mission, goals
speed pace

2. What do you recall of
Cotentin Peninsula?
Overstated

3. Did anything occur as
and anti air

4. What was your jump lik
Rather c
Landing in C
A Tree in

5. Did you encounter any
describe:
Hedgerows
in Normandy

6. What did you do once y
I tried to

7. Did you find any other
you can recall: Abo

8. How many of these men

9. Did you accomplish you
Landed
on Utah

10. Who was the officer in
. Was h
many men did he collec

11. Do you recall the name
finders from your outf

12. Describe as best you c
Chiefly
My own
and others
Mostly

13. Name your company comm
sergeant, company clerk
Capt. Jack H
Edwin D. Sch

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Contact Lawye

42 S-3 OFFICER

Reginald Y. Alexander (WIA
PFC Joseph R. Allwein - KI
Pvt Fred J. Anuszewski - K
John M. Bacon -(WIA)
Fred Baker
Homer R. Bay
Robert G. Beachy
Pvt Thurman L. Bennett - K
Harry Bonfay
Gordon Bray
Odell K. "Amos" Cassada
Leonard Cinquanta
Cpl John Clapper - KIA
Lt. Paul M. Cote - KIA
Charlie Cover
Pvt Fred J. DiPietro - KIA
William H. Donst (Medic)
PFC William R. Duffy - KIA
Charles E. Fakes Jr.
Clarence N. Felt
Pvt Paul H. Falk - KIA
William Forgerson
Chester Garbacz
William W. Goodseit
Sgt Warren E. Gray - KIA

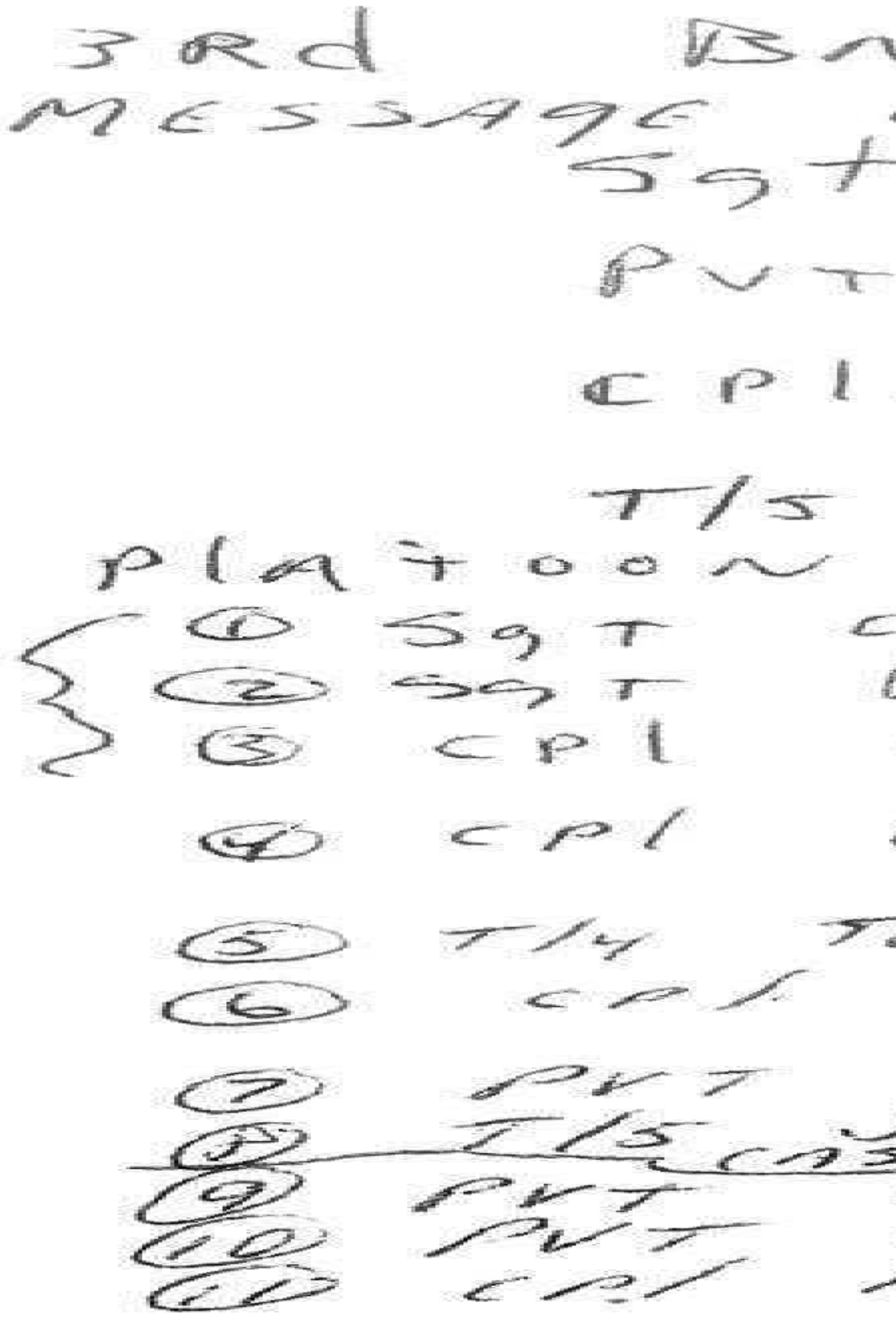
These men be

Please be

company

Battalion

these.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MESSAGE
PVT
CPL
T/S
PLATOON
(1) SGT
(2) SGT
(3) CPL
(4) CPL
(5)
(6)
(7) PVT
(8)
(9) PVT
(10) PVT
(11)

Medrol* Me

(12) PV

(13) C

(14) C

(15) PVT

(16) PVT

(17) T/S

(18) "Chi

(19) PVT

(20) PVT

G

(21) LT

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1. Name Dr. William Schw
Member of which unit w

2. Please circle campaign
borne Division: Sic

3. Did you parachute into
job on this mission? C

4. Were you acquainted wi
wiremen, or message ce

5. If yes, can you supply

6. If you were a member o
were you with Colonel
involved in any of the
If not, do you know an
these actions? N

7. If you were a member o
at Les Droueries? No
Pvt Jerry Schultz Mo

8. Do you know any of the
List any you know: C

9. Do you know the name
he survive the war?

10. Can you recall the col
as for food, weapons a

11. If you were a member o
call a soldier named
he survive the war?
Walter Wedell

12. If you were sent out t
of D-day, how did you
lights? I can't
remember the

(Please fill this out to t
just sign the sheet and r
The material is for a boo
contributions will make i

1. Name **Mr. Thomas P. M**
Member of which unit

2. Please circle campaig
borne division

3. Did you parachute int
jot on this mission?

4. Were you acquainted w
wireman, or message c

5. If yes can you suppl
Letty Ly
Lt Col Ret

6. If you were a member
were you with Colonel
involved in any of t
If not, do you know a
these actions?

7. If you were a member
at the Irrawaddy?

8. Do you know any of th
list any you know

9. Do you know the name
he survive the war?

10. Can you recall the co
as for food, weapons

Omit this one. I have the info.

If you were a member
, a soldier manag
e survive the war?

12. If you were sent out
of D-day, how did you
light?
Flak, lost ear

13. A young 501st medic w
ward to treat Major L
learned who he was.
try to learn his iden
of any 501st medics w
Flak, lost ear

Mr. Thomas P. Murp
Hq. Co.

Tor

Dear Jorge,

Sorry I am so
your postcard
you asked about
heard Carter and it
I do not remem
I got a telephon
said he about then
tion in Tampa. I th
his address although I k
ed, that ties in Rom
entist him by writing
y 295 S. W. 25 Ave., M
him from Dan I wi
touch with you
We've got a electric
heater every year bu

Arnold Kantor
1372 Schuler St.
Appleton, Wisc.

If there is any
est in the Lib
enclosed

Su

1. Name Mr. Vincent F. E
Member of which unit w

2. Please circle campaign
borne Division: No

3. Did you parachute into
job on this mission? J

4. Were you acquainted wi
wiremen, or message ce

5. If yes, can you supply

6. If you were a member o
were you with Colonel
involved in any of the
If not, do you know an
these actions? _____

7. If you were a member o
at Les Droueries? _____

8. Do you know any of the
List any you know: _____

9. Do you know the name
he survive the war? _____

10. Can you recall the col
as for food, weapons a

XX If you were a member o
call a soldier named F
he survive the war? _____

12. If you were sent out t
of D-day, how did you
lights? _____

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just sign the sheet and r
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contributions will make i

13. Do you know the names
D-day? _____ If yes, g
were from, that would
Each battalion had abo

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for a
and

Communications

Boy Jeffeyard

Det Westbrook

Sgt Meltzie

Arnold Pantola

Jim White

Virgil Jahn

Thomas P. Murp

Don Swerdlin

Millan Schave

Robt Ryals

This is abo

1. Name **Mr. Vincent F. Bla**
Regimental Unit **Hq. Co.**

2. Who were the ranking off

3. If you were a radio oper
units were you to contac
a. Which type of radio d
(Circle one, explain
b. How was your radio se
ment bundle? (Circle
c. How did your radio eq
radio was recovered.
were lost. Bundles w

d. Did you encounter any

e. Did you contact any o

f. If you were in the Di

4. If you were a wireman, w

a. What wire equipment w

b. Was additional equipm

c. How much of your D-da
other than

5. Use the remainder of the
friendly or otherwise).
in Rendezvous or Night D
[illegible]

6. If not a radioman or a wi

George E. Koskima
13914 Edmore Driv
Detroit, Michigan

October 4, 1965

Mr. Vincent P. Hl
4742 Lenis Ave.
Indianapolis, Indi

Dear Vince:

Sorry, may take s
some time yet. I
and I should have

Unless to say,
I suspect that yo
contracting this
Quarantan. Un- f
ten radio men fro
Indianapolis (Indi
and Lt. Colonel D
ever on this part
I have one of the
maps of the whole
He didn't have a
to call him "Lieu

I've been trying
this for you are
a nail on D-day b
on what not to do
ance quite well i

After you mention
Friday, I pulled o
list of our Indian
is out, that I
chance recall whi

Am sending you a c
It isn't much but
ever so much for
you some more if

Thank you so much

George Koskimaki

1. Name Edward R. Gryzin
Member of which unit w

2. Please circle campaig
borne Division: (Ne

3. Did you parachute int
job on this mission? _

4. Were you acquainted w
wiremen, or message c

5. If yes, can you supply
Pvt. Ar
name

6. If you were a member
were you with Colonel
involved in any of th
If not, do you know a
these actions? _____

7. If you were a member
at Les Droueries? ____
_____

8. Do you know any of th
List any you know: _t

9. Do you know the name
he survive the war? _

10. Can you recall the co
as for food, weapons
Ben carry

11. If you were a member
call a soldier named
he survive the war? _
Victor Bill

12. If you were sent out
of D-day, how did you
lights? Pistol
flashlight

(Please fill this out to
just sign the sheet and
The material is for a bo
contributions will make

Dear Sir:

I am presently work
Division on D-day i
books on the market
former division mem
veterans of the Sec

During my three yea
Company and parachu
well Taylor. Durin
Gerald Higgins and
of the Bulge.

Much good material
Destiny (A History
Brigadier General S
little or no mentio
those phases of the

Enclosed with this
hope you will take
material for me but
locate the required
the account and new

All material that y
will be given credi

Ed:

As a member of the
seen comments in th
about D-day. Would
it into the stamped
you might give me t
completing this acc

I parachuted into N
particularly anxiou
you can give me wit
Were any of these m

Gene Amburgey
George Aprile
Kenneth Baldwin
Frank Castiglione
Arthur Causey
Leonard Cinquanta
F. Bruce Cook
Arthur Causey
(list any of these

ee (x)

Sgt Joh

The Holland dr
Urbank whereas th
to secure a small
e 'milk run.' Oth
Lewark, Lester Se
officer in charge
Wasco was the pla

"We landed, as
light tank (Germa
missed. Bill Neme
and waved a greet
waved back and dr
private, asergean
we let the tank g
sters.

Most harrowing
showers, getting
front, being shel
clothes.

For creature c
meals of rabbit,

For heroism (?
waving 'hello' to
the tank commande

Most vivid mem
we jumped, watchi
along our line of

"Captain Verno
He had a small pi
medic put a banda
collapsed some ti
eyes. We took him
and said that he
metal about the s

"Gene was alon
I think was named
patrol looking fo
Cavanaugh did cal

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NAME & Rank: URBAN John

CURRENT ADDRESS

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? yes
NORMANDY MISSION? Comp

(A) What was the mission of
Secure a bridg

(B) Did anything unusual happ
Walk over

(C) Do you recall names of o
glider? Last Name
T. Carmody

(D) Who was in charge of tha

(E) Who was your company/bat
Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic?

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? We land
to the west, a light
Jack rabbit, we
put under the
he bunches down a
Volksturm holding a
(use additional space if nee
and captured them.

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during

(I) What was your most harr
branches of the Rhine R
Utility Class C
company boat
the Mud Hen

(J) Describe some of the wa
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) _
Have cooked

(K) Do the actions of any i
the Holland operation?
due) Bill Kenneth
Helen "t g Le
Jimpick, and Ti

(L) In what way(s) were you

(M) What is your most vivid
the time you
the lights
practice at

(N) Have you ever gone back
He. If yes, were you
were your friends durin

(O) Describe briefly what y
kept my Le

(P) Have you exchanged visi
Yes If Yes, name some o
Edward J. Le
in turn as we

Captain K
from a ten
of shipwre
and the
head and
allayed Sa
act with
to the act
him over a
external
piece of me
rail.

Here was
the fellow
was remo
were "
for chris
did pun
his disc

The Holland ju
land much softer,
from his stick ar
platoon leader wa
William A. Nemeth

"I was in the m
Ficociello was ou
leader. (He was p
mandy) Cpl. Warr
the assistant."

"All I seem to
me. I did see a v
armored car. One
day or shortly th
there was a consi
side of a railroa
was I saw an elde
of her house."

"I recall one d
very accurate art
Sherman tank that
me it may have be
this very small d
with dirt. After
there on the road
was Capt (Vernon)
out of this mess?
got you in and I
did get us out. F

"Another experie
the time Capt Kra
heavy. I was down
'Hey, do you have
In rolled Father
you look like you
communion kit and
About Capt Krae
this GI's foxhole
he was shooting e
to our front) he

IN

NAME & Rank: Pfc James C.

CURRENT ADDRESS 17 Fair

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? yes
NORMANDY MISSION? No

Legend, Bur

(A) What was the mission of
Dent Run mis
secure bridge pri

(B) Did anything [unusual] hap
small, inte

(C) Do you recall names of o
glider? [redacted]
Wesley A. Lucky

(D) Who was in charge of tha

(E) Who was your company/bat
Plato

(F) Who was first sergeant?
UNK Medic? L

(G) What recollections do yo
this mission?

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(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri
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was [illegible]
body would
the six [illegible]

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) I
met that
hit from
enough

(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation?
due) only that
I felt the

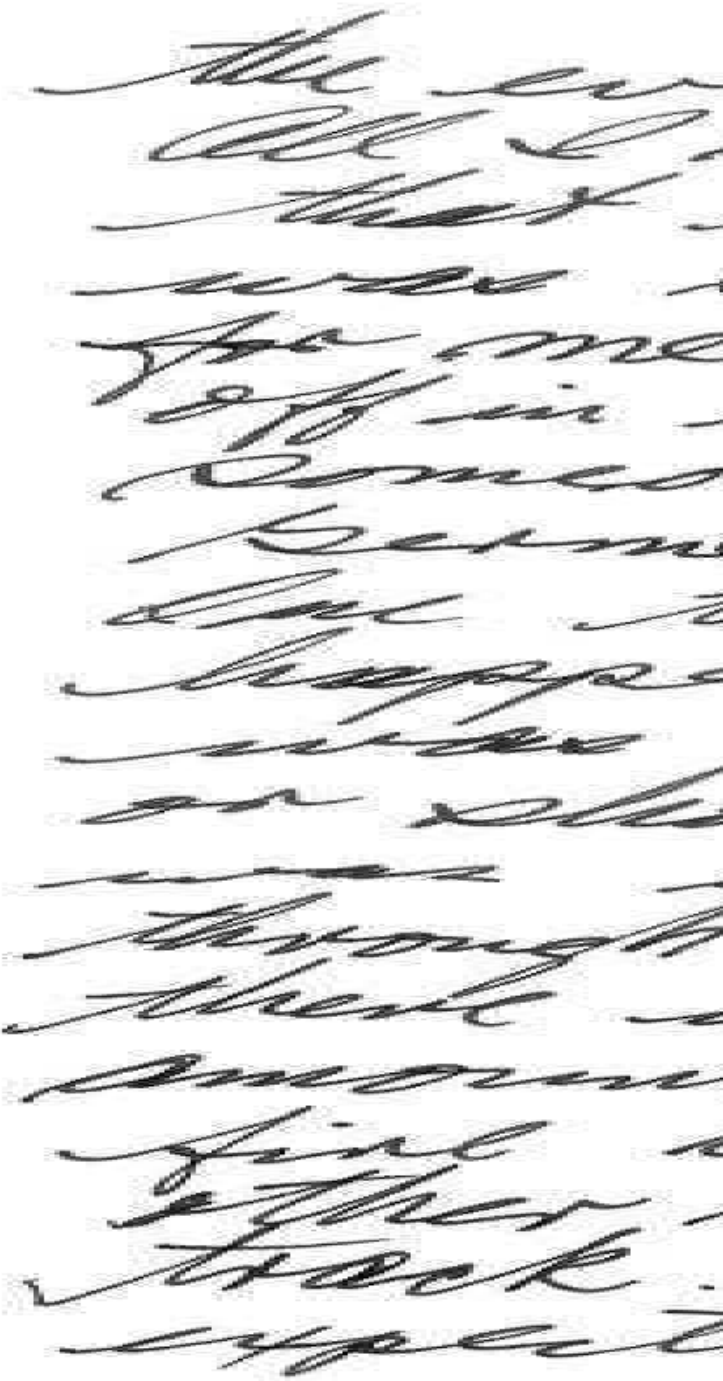
(L) In what way(s) were you
more
given to

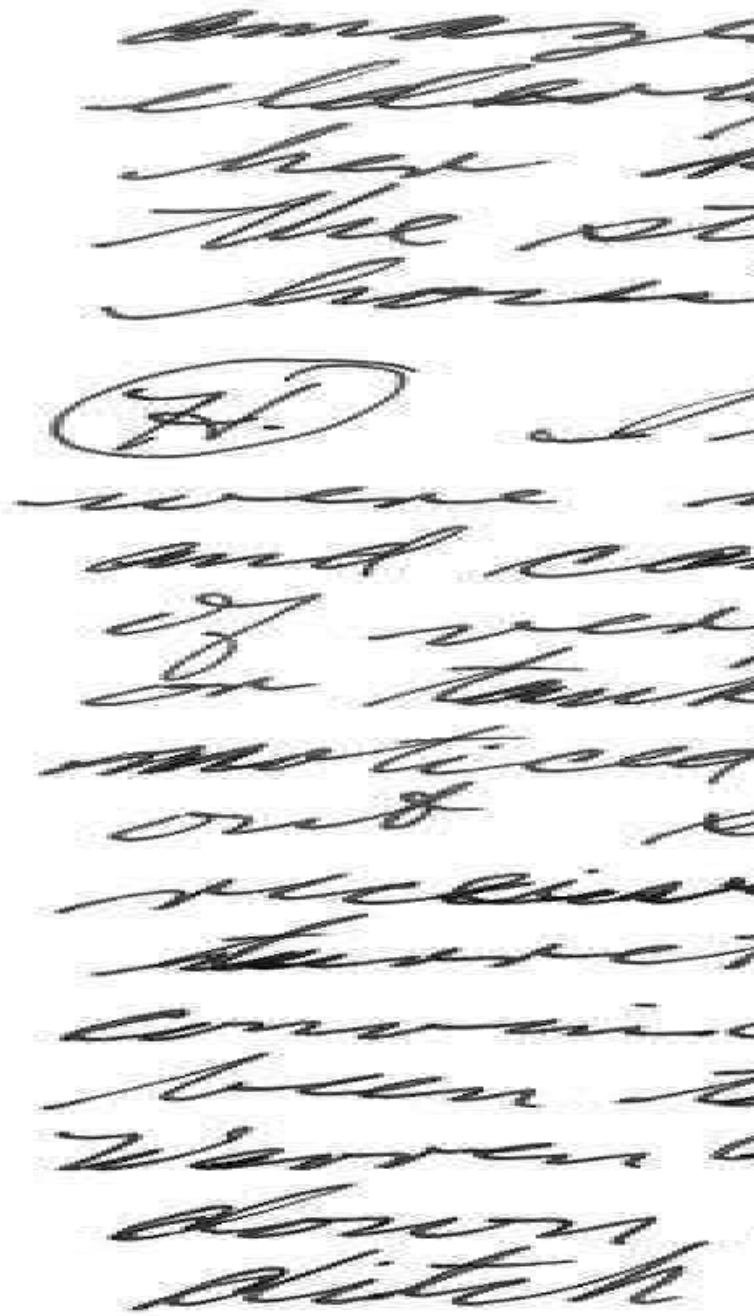
(M) What is your most vivid
would be th
people th

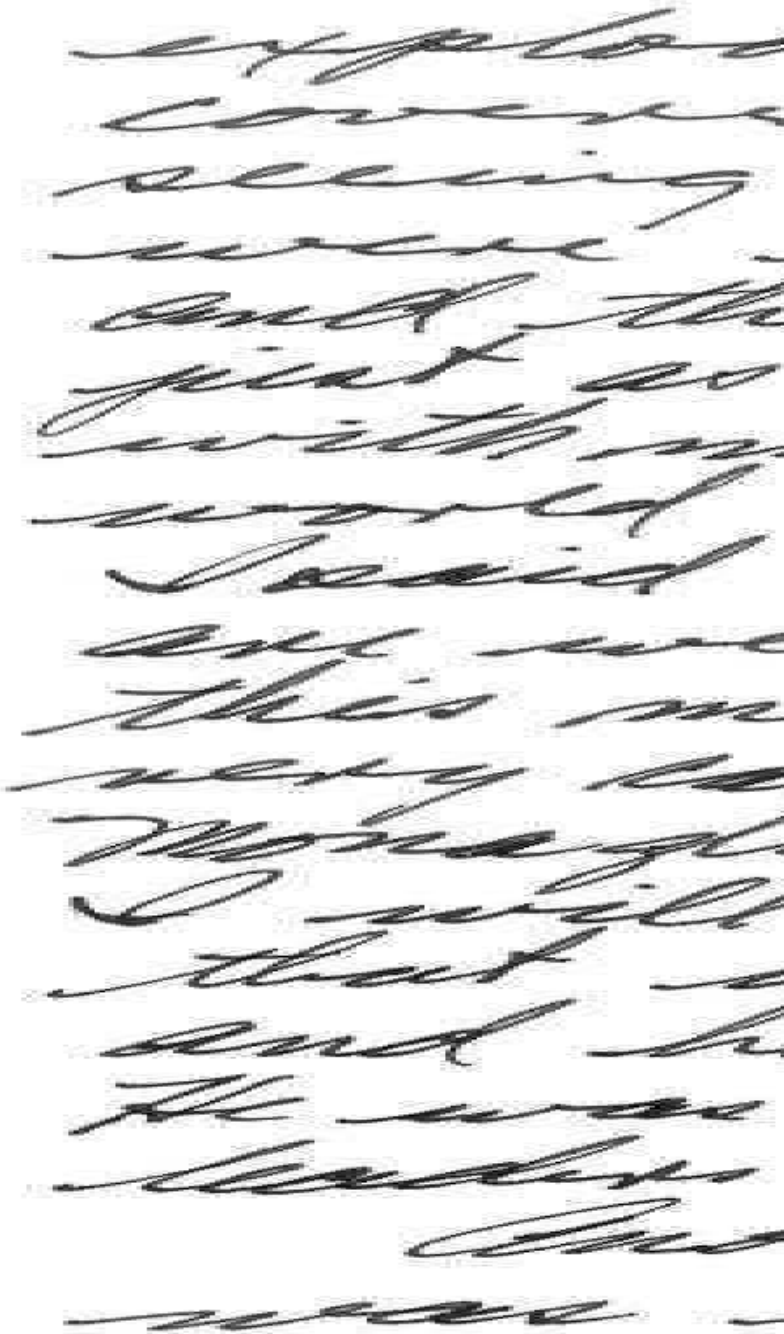
(N) Have you ever gone back
No. If yes, were you a
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what yo
I started the
12/31/73 and the
and getting

(P) Have you exchanged visit
No If Yes, name some of
I became
I German







Having served
Holland, Pvt. Je
his company comm
with Krauts in t
(if not ahead of
from him at the
arm. The medic t
I heard him say
I remember he st
rifle since we c

In another amu
period of two we
radio failed. On
distance from th
hear him calling
position. I reme
if you dig that

PFC James P. M
"One day we were
accurate artille
Sherman tank tha
me that it was t
small ditch when
dirt. After seei
there on the roa
world, was Capta
to get out of th
Monaghan, I got
needed, and he d
ever met."

On another occ
"During this tim
telling him that
at (they were ru
he would have to

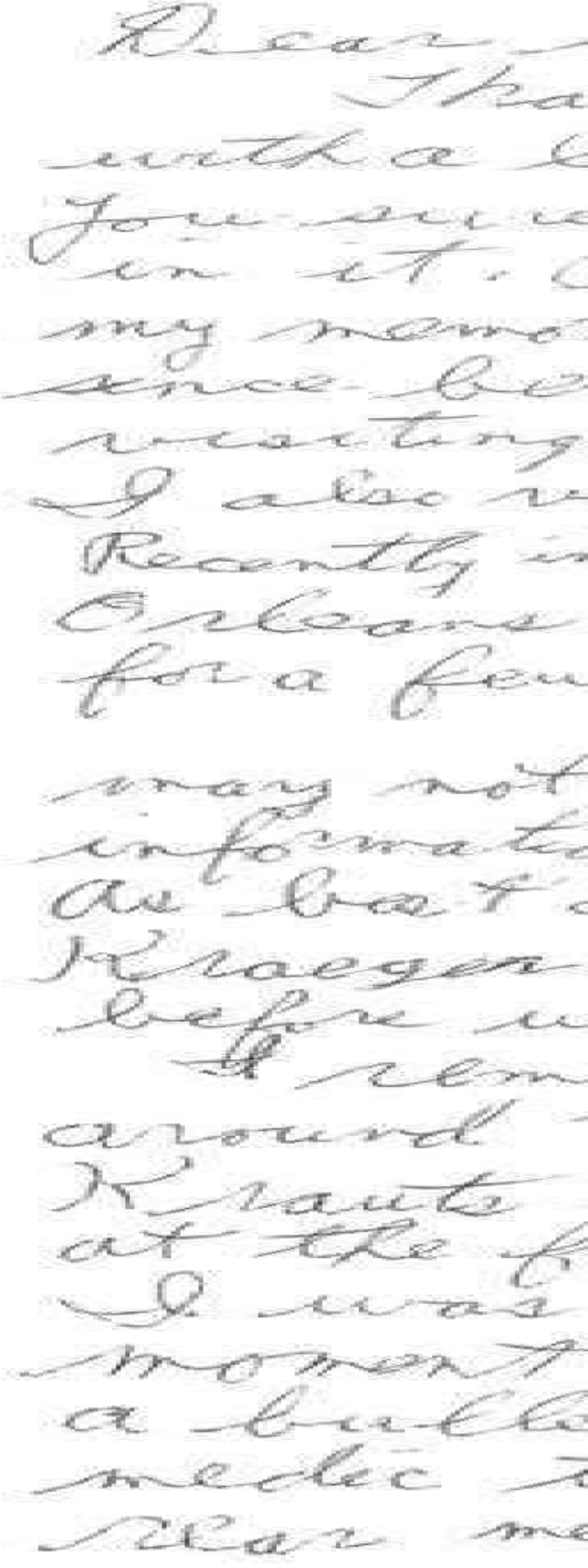
Remembering th
"He was hit in t

person I saw sta
I also saw other
captain died, th
least six men in
I got a piece in
"One time he t
ters with Colone
don't know if we
with small arms
nor the two colo
Swell saying in
cover!' They wer
T/5 and radiom
a building by an
yards away. Colo
that explosion?'
moved around the
members and woun
Mortar sergean
"Captain Vernon
had a small piec
put a bandage ar
some time later.
Carrel looked hi
brain from a pie

P

Pvt Jess C. Ga
501st during his
"As best I can
our plane standi
in 1944.
"I remember ar
had a skirmish w
at the front lin
to 20 feet away
es a bullet in h
evacuate to the
elright' and whe
at his position
could see the Kr
"Perhaps an ho
I cried and the
was the 1st serg
to me that after
rounds hitting a
MA. and I got a
trooper that fla
United States. I
Danforth etc.
"I still remem
slightly injured
In his 3rd let
out, Joyce Chesn
his emergency 22
little problem p
way, so we could
front lines . Le
steel helmet whi
the C.O. wouldn'
In another amu
Garcia wrote: "F
runner in case t

certain perimete
Kraeger in my fo
him calling me.
position. I reme
if you dig that
"One time, aro
ended up at head
(George) Griswol
because they ope
ately, but so he
ever flickered o
southern twang,
men in combat.



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died, th
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(2 persons) → medic
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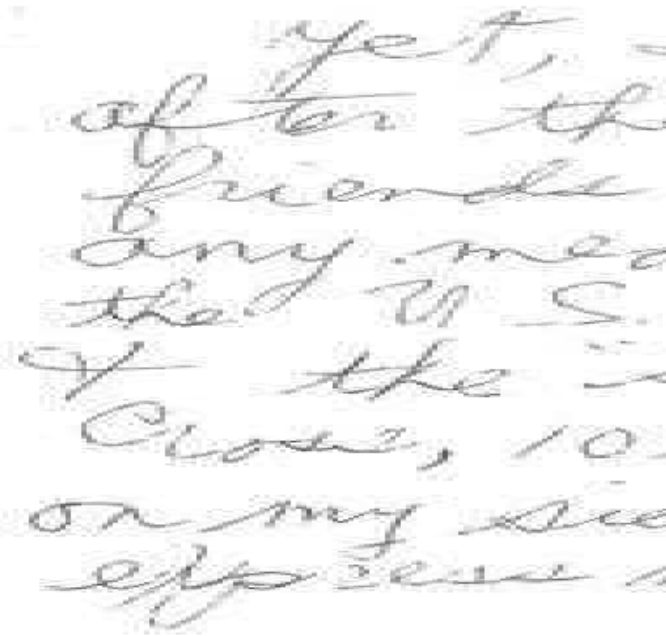

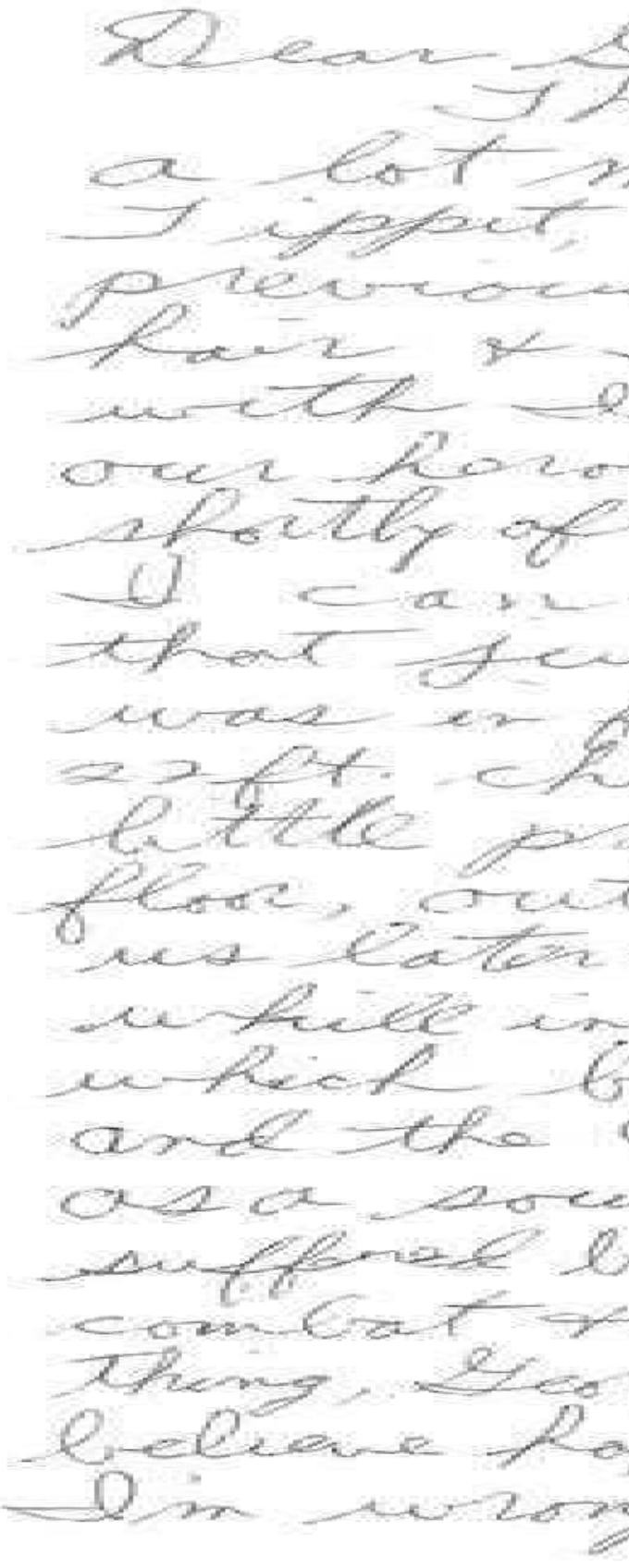

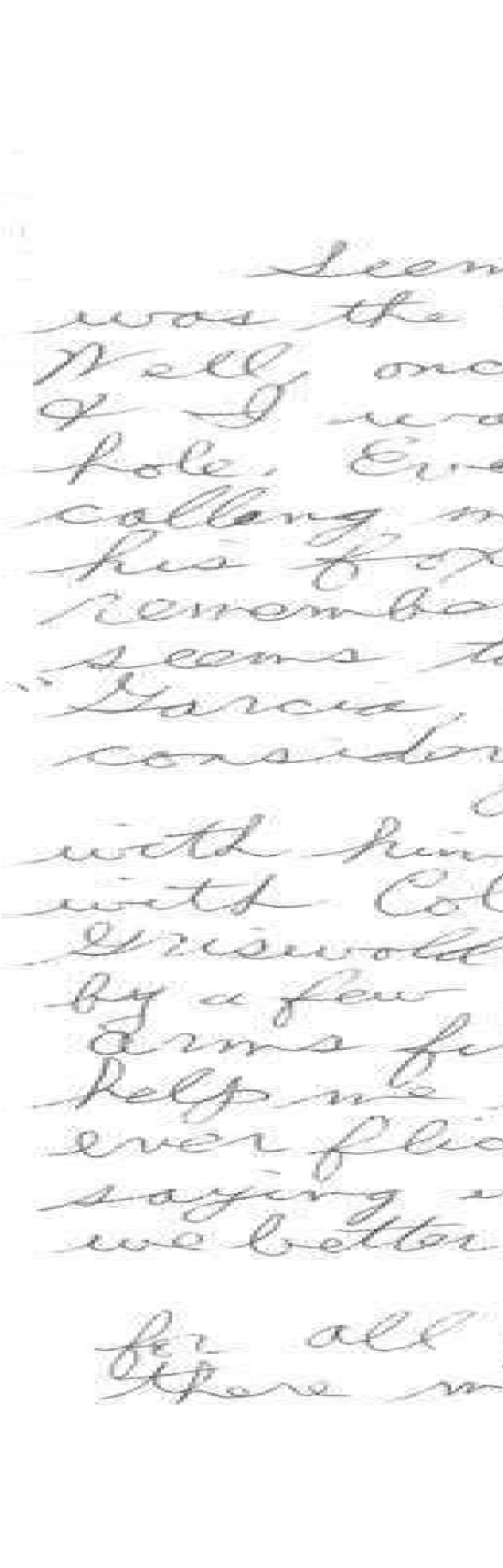

(PFC Eu

A transfer fro
first action with
"to take the brid
cutting the highw
As to the flig
and had job getti
platoon leader an
Rocky Dekle was p
As for Cavanag
landing. Made it
came along. Someo
driver and the of
pulled trees acro
gun in farmer's r
to have us move o
watched us and we
us milk and apple
"On the night
machine gun along
edge of Veghel. W
several occasions
to find we were a
day can't figure
gave us hot soup-
we were ordered b
tracks. On the tr
only to awake and
to G Company. Nob
to be back with t
On the Island,
river. On the way
across and down a
noise alert. When
'honorable Japene
challenger was he
told him who we w
For creature c

had some cows und
day we lost anoth
pig with Larry Ma
of coal in stove
hurt? -- Lt. Wasc
on a door. Then w

I

NAME & Rank: PFC Eugene Cav

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BAT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (AP
NORMANDY INVASION? _____
NORMANDY MISSION? _____

(A) What was the mission of
To Take Bridge between Eende

(B) Did anything unusual ha
Toilet Lock on Glyst Bridge

(C) Do you recall names of
glider? Gave Eyer

(D) Who was in charge of th

(E) Who was your company/ba
Plat

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic? Rec

(G) What recollections do y
this mission? Just missr
when German Tank & officers Ca
Drivers and officers Major
Road to Cut it off. Sabota
We hoped dig hole only to have
watched us & were very Frightf
(use additional space if n

(H) Much action took place
island between the two bra
memorable experiences duri
Machine gun Sergeant Bob Bryan
we were in the area in charge
and we were all alone. twice w
Dawn we found a farm house &
later we were ordered back to G
Parted awhile and some how we
by & took us to G G - We took
be back with the Com

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri
On Way back we Could not get
up in Ripuaires. Rocked to Gain Ba
out of Chuck Kuig lost Screealtl
going to Shoot - I told him who w
(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others) We
we built had & Stored in al
killed large Pig with Kerosene
& made Smoke - only to get d
had to take him out door -
(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation? _
due) _____

(L) In what way(s) were you

(M) What is your most vivid
Saw the people

(N) Have you ever gone back
Yes. If yes, were you a
were your friends during
In Eerde the remains
Eerde is well remembered
(O) Describe briefly what yo
Stayed on a "Temporary
never planned on working
but "picking" was too go
(P) Have you exchanged visit
____ If Yes, name some of

George.
This pic
to be by
was assi
and she
more pic
Know w
Don't
so odd
Problems
I took
it to yo
She is
wise.
Knoppe
Street

Pl
fau
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du
Gr
th
He
in
ove
S
Si
to
Dr
the
bee

Sgt. Ja

"We left Englan
and we formed up.
(jumpmaster). Wol
bundle trip wire.
so low you could
and rattled the p
at me and said 'T
and hooked up. (W
the line there wa
I went back about
name of H. Jackse
round and round.
the other men up-
to England. By th
on the rear and g
DZ,assemble and
otherwise. We tak
crossed the railr
up a road block.
hell broke loose.
ambush but Lt. El
we pointed out th
into a 'cowboy an
hedgerow fences,
day begging for h
fighting a patrol
down to about one
for help. He was
about four rounds
were ordered to f
The Germans were

"I had forgotte
is not on the ros
I have forgotten
a small arms situ
was all for him.
in its withdrawal

We were doing pre
mortar. They walk
the track for tre
hit him. I peeped
over, grabbed him
helmet. We came t
Poole got half wa
with the platoon.
was with Gen. Rid

"George, I was
some long days in
2nd Platoon. Funn

"Now the night
ready around midn
were. I know 'I'
on one side of th
My squad was on '
show 'H' Company
doing the same. T
screaming and we
that we are killi
my tracers in and
rifle. Just then
went between my b
elbow. Then my he
Walter Franklin s
moved by telling
road, wounded.

"I get up and g
road. One house i
a medic. They ref
behind they don't
we can. Then a Ge
three or four mor
George--these are
a garden gate and
where we ran into

He talked to me a
they drove me int
building had huge
floor. It had a h
bunks were about
shells began gett
began to come clo
open a closet and
runs and opens on
hit in the belly.
looking for some
"The shot (morp
don't know much o
stake body truck
British hospital.
arm got along alr
days. By the time
operation."
"If some of my
Ewell repeat what
guard house. He s
battle and they w
pony."

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NAME + RANK SGT JAMES D. EDGA

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/~~BATTE~~

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? Jhus

(A) What was the mission of y
getting to the

(B) Did anything unusual happ
a man have a

(C) Do you recall names of ot
~~other~~? Sincerely,

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
Lieutenants Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? _
_____ Medic? _____

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? _____

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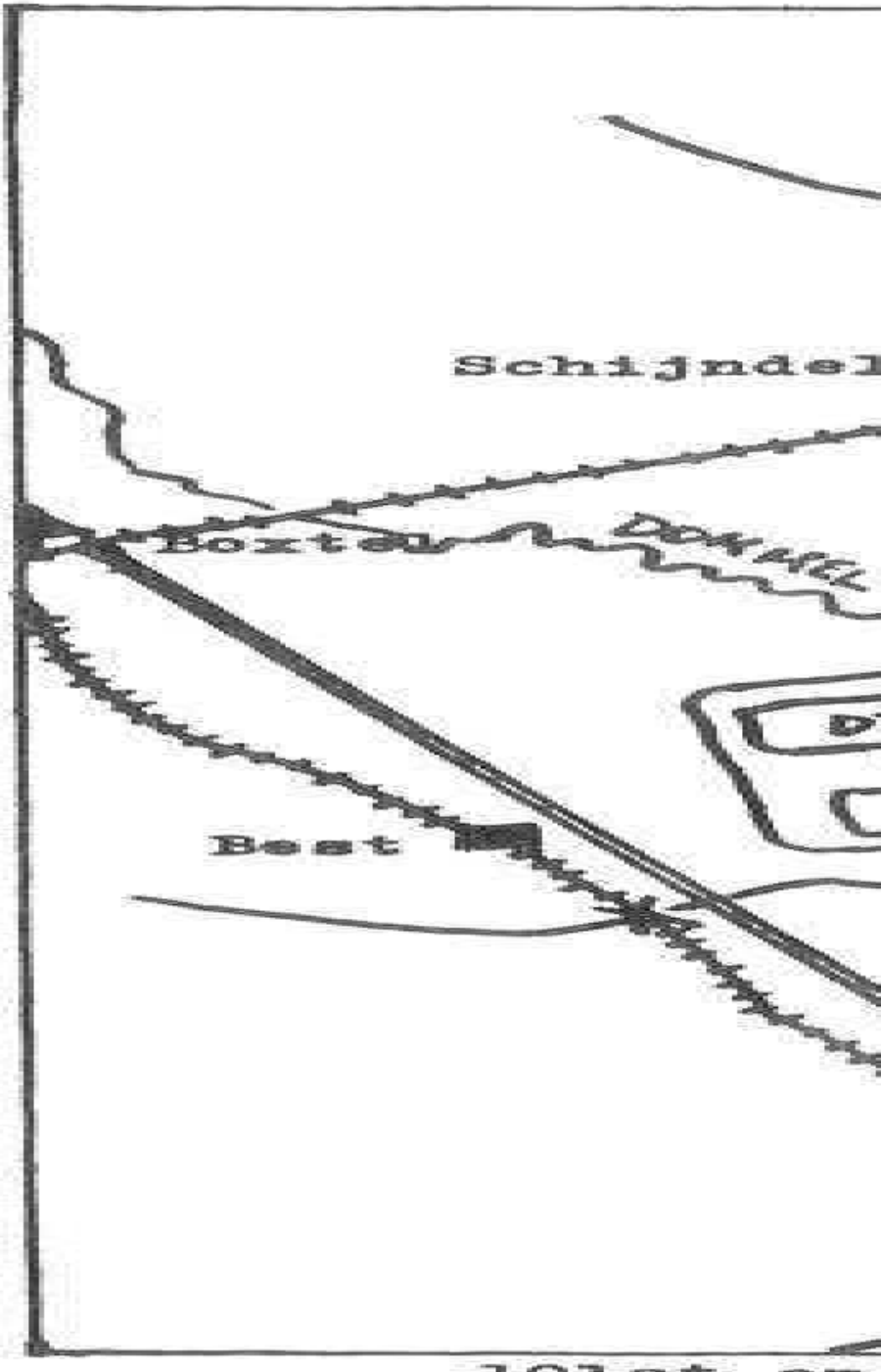
(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during



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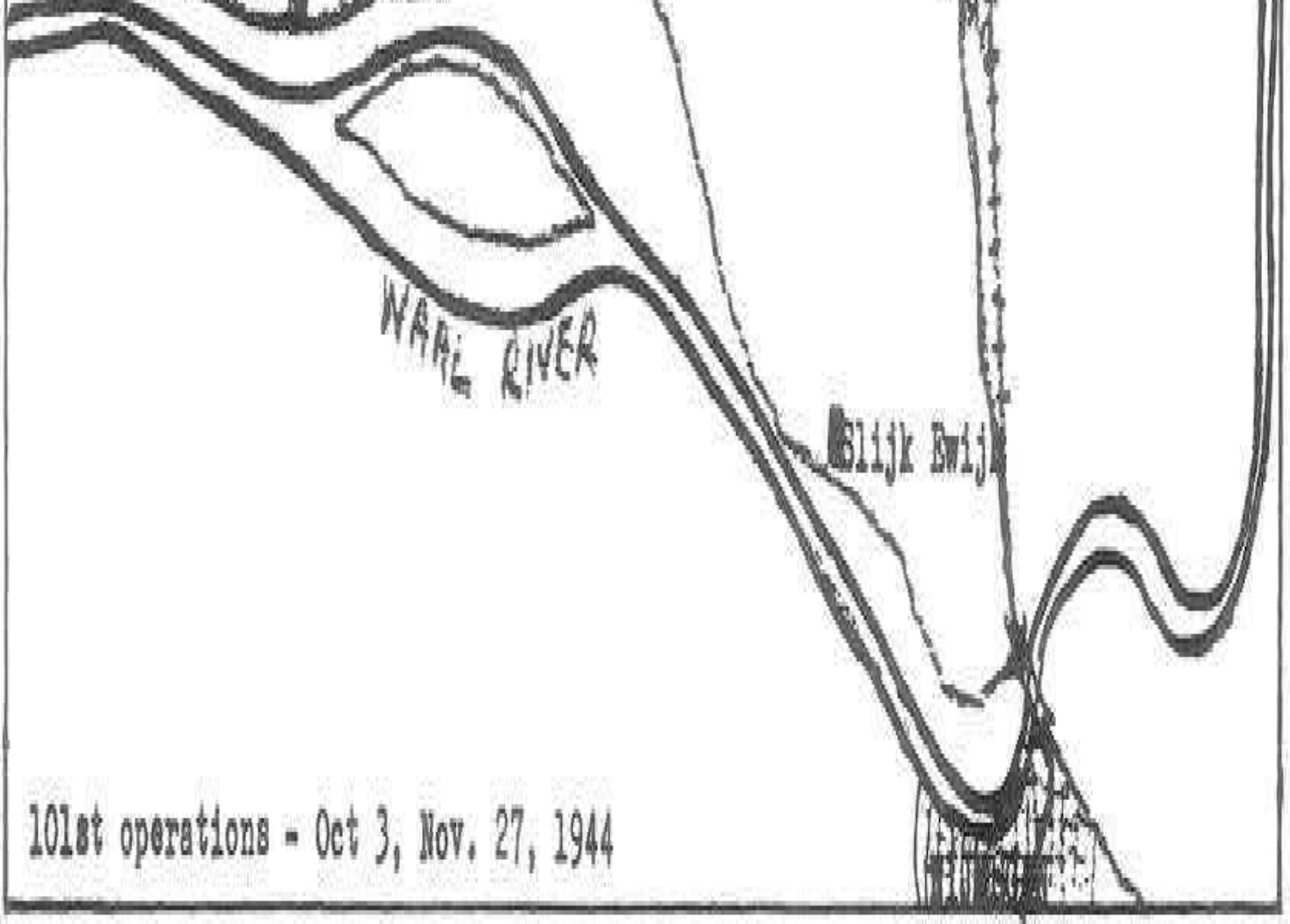
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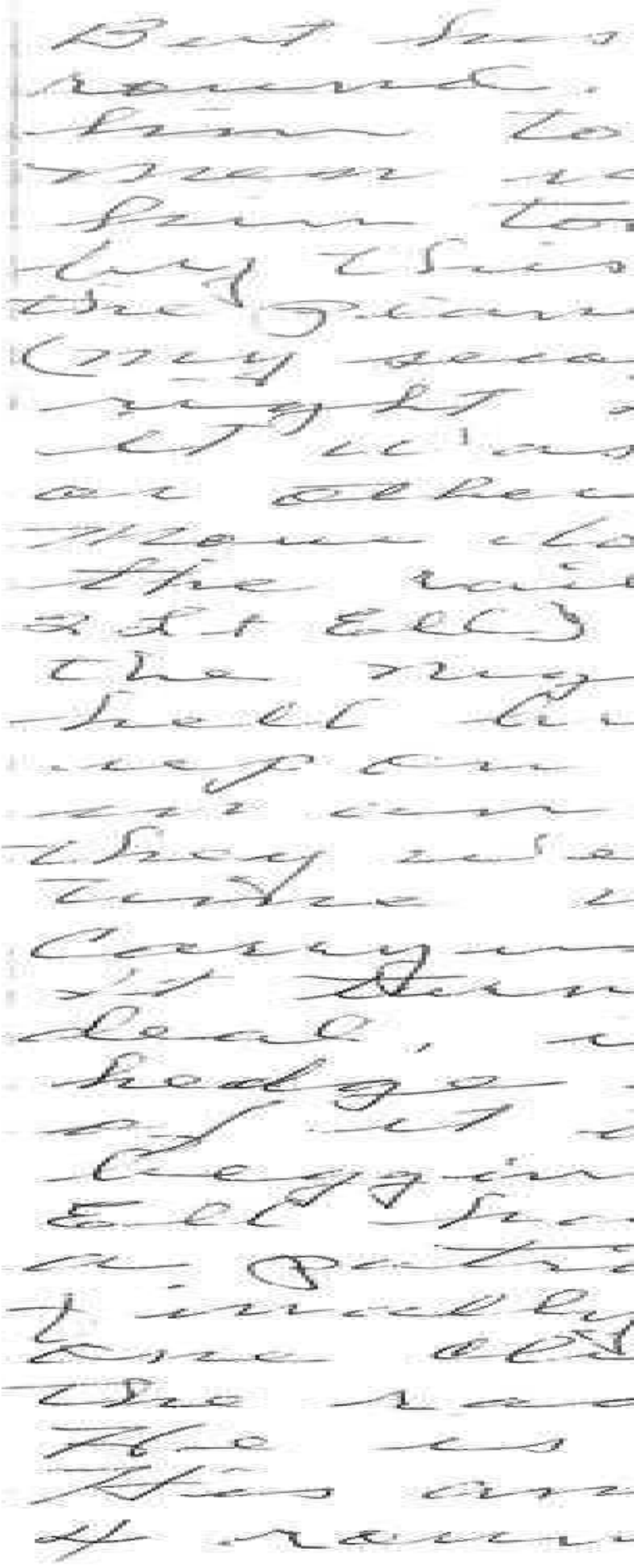

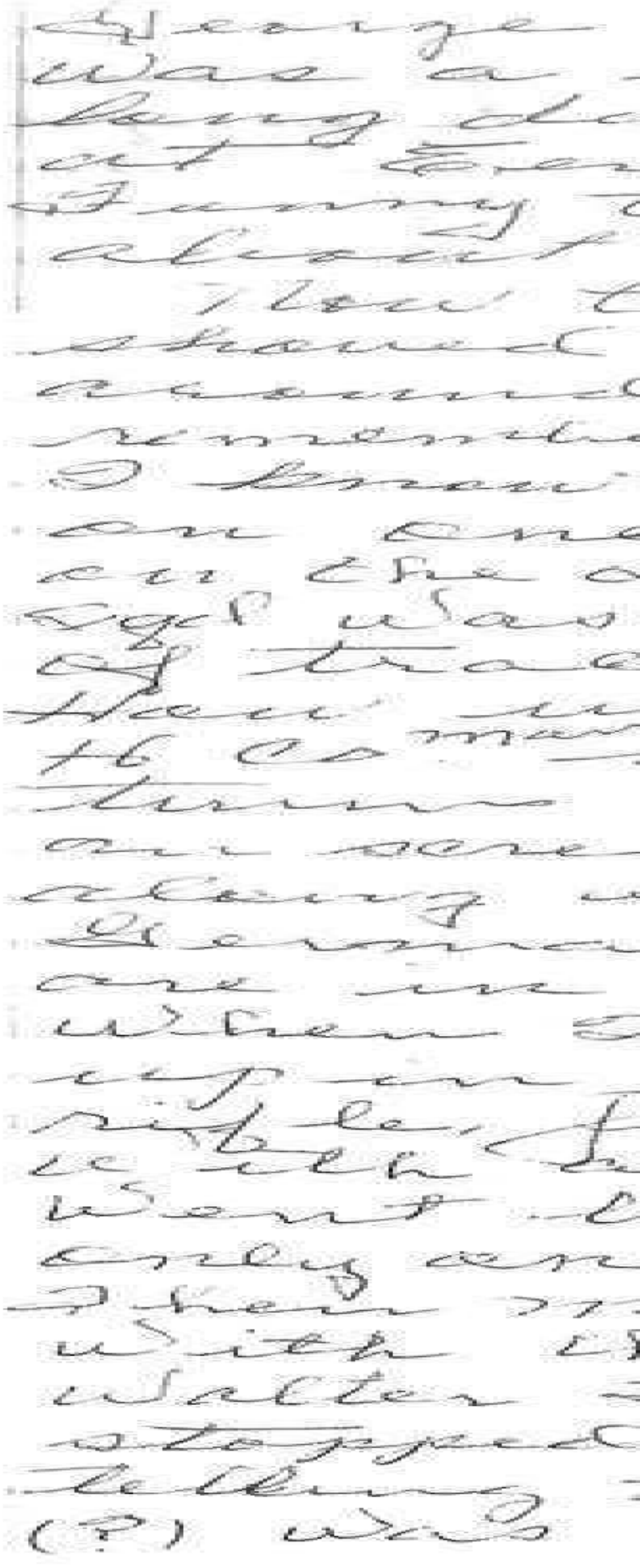

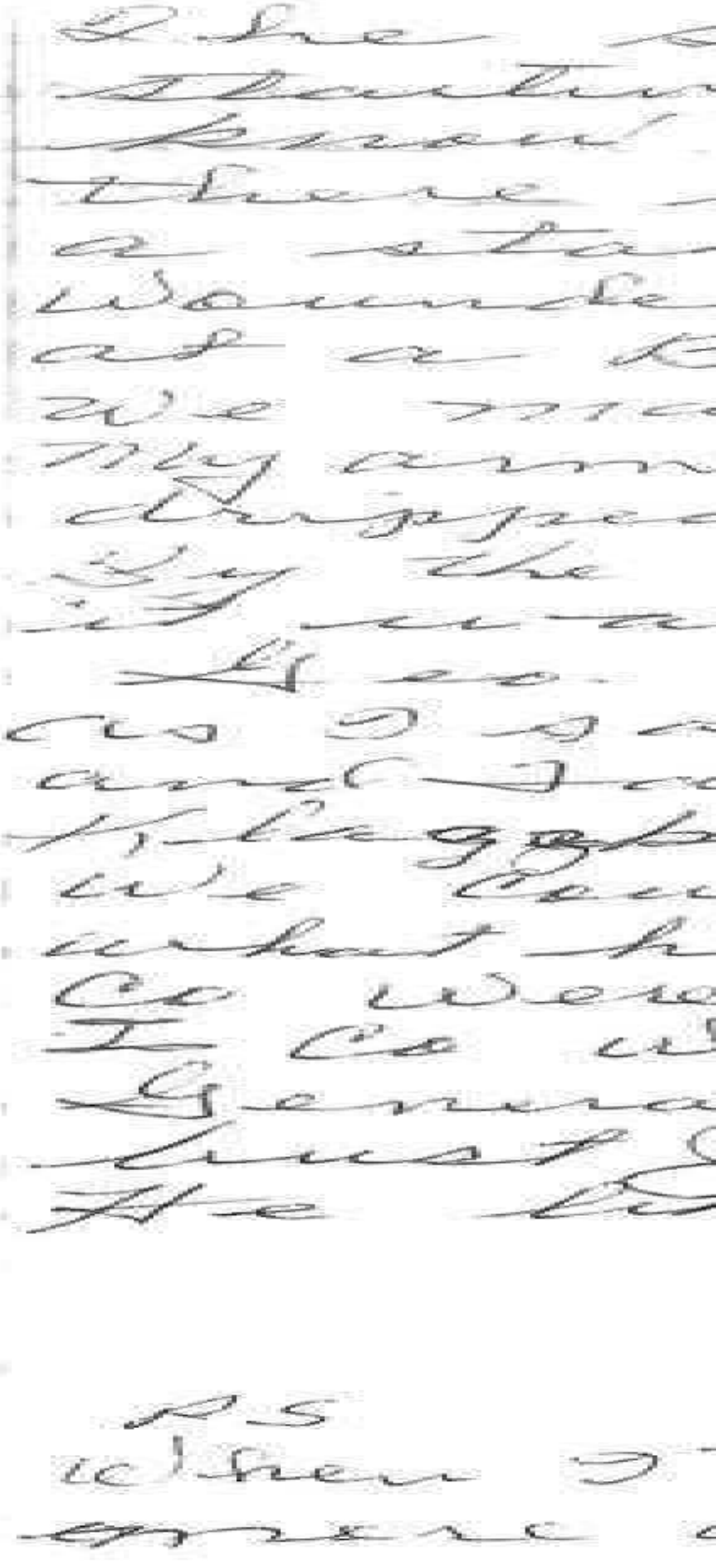

Pvt Em

As a rifleman i
fractured his rig
ball joints. In t
had to rely on hi
"We were to as
hold a bridge on
load of German so
"I was in the
light came on, ac
right between the
all in a couple o
"On board our
could I forget Pe
closed cause he h
charge of our gro
Stanley was our C
"Like I said i
in Holland. I was
to my right pant
so I let go of th
a hole in the pan
I was dumb-founde
greeting us with
out apples. I too
'You go fight the
but Lt. Ell didn'
"I was wounded
22nd.
Referring to h
sides of me from
excellent soldier
York."
"Colonel Johns
who didn't fire a
the regiment. So
the German army.
Brown and Frankli

600 I'm not to keen on re

IN

NAME & Rank: Pvt. Emil Z

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/~~BATT~~

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP

NORMANDY INVASION? Yes

NORMANDY MISSION? My main

my right Tibula bone (leg) & both

(A) What was the mission of

To assemble by a colored

which we did & also re

(B) Did anything unusual hap

half & thirties & just before the gr

(C) Do you recall names of o

~~glider~~? Sgt. Shea

Pete Phillips, I had to help hi

(D) Who was in charge of tha

(E) Who was your company/~~bat~~

Lt. Ell Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? _

Medic? ? —

(G) What recollections do yo

this mission? First said i

I was "also" carrying a 30 cal

counting my main chute did

jumped off a dock in the port h

found in seeing parachute

where ever we went. small a

(use additional spade if ne

(H) Much action took place b

island between the two bran

memorable experiences during

I was wounded

sometime in Sept

(I) I re-visited in 19

Edinburg, Scotland

our path to Mauthausen

Rathstat, Austria (o

having a bill & a good

Then was in Nuremburg

I'd say - if I ever did

I had the good fortune

and I'll drive to that

(I) What was your most harrow
branches of the Rhine Riv

(J) Describe some of the ways
six-week sojourn on the i
yourself and others?)

(K) Do the actions of any ind
the Holland operation? 1
due) being a rifleman
3rd Plt. I'd say Pvt.
pinned Germans Of

(L) In what way(s) were you a
no way - we wa
holes, they couldn
followed orders mmm

(M) What is your most vivid m
after Normandy said, the men
in the Regiment. So Holland fo
I had some damn good soldie

(N) Have you ever gone back t
3 x's) Yes. If yes, were you ab

(*) were your friends during
before Schijndel on th
was our 1st said sta

(O) Describe briefly what you
God Blessed me with good healt
Russian girl, have I wondery
no one told us I would like to be t

(P) Have you exchanged visits
Yes If Yes, name some of
guys, Harris, Kirmaier, Sh
Sullivan, Zelicz Korics, Bu
GOD BLESS ALL BO
Damn we were a good

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NAME + RANK (PT) MARVIN C. WO

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/~~BATTE~~

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? Yes

normandy last white fo

(A) What was the mission of y
To secure bridg

(B) Did anything unusual happ
yes. took us a

(C) Do you recall names of ot
glider? Jerry Taylo
Lt. Colyer, Lt

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
Platoo

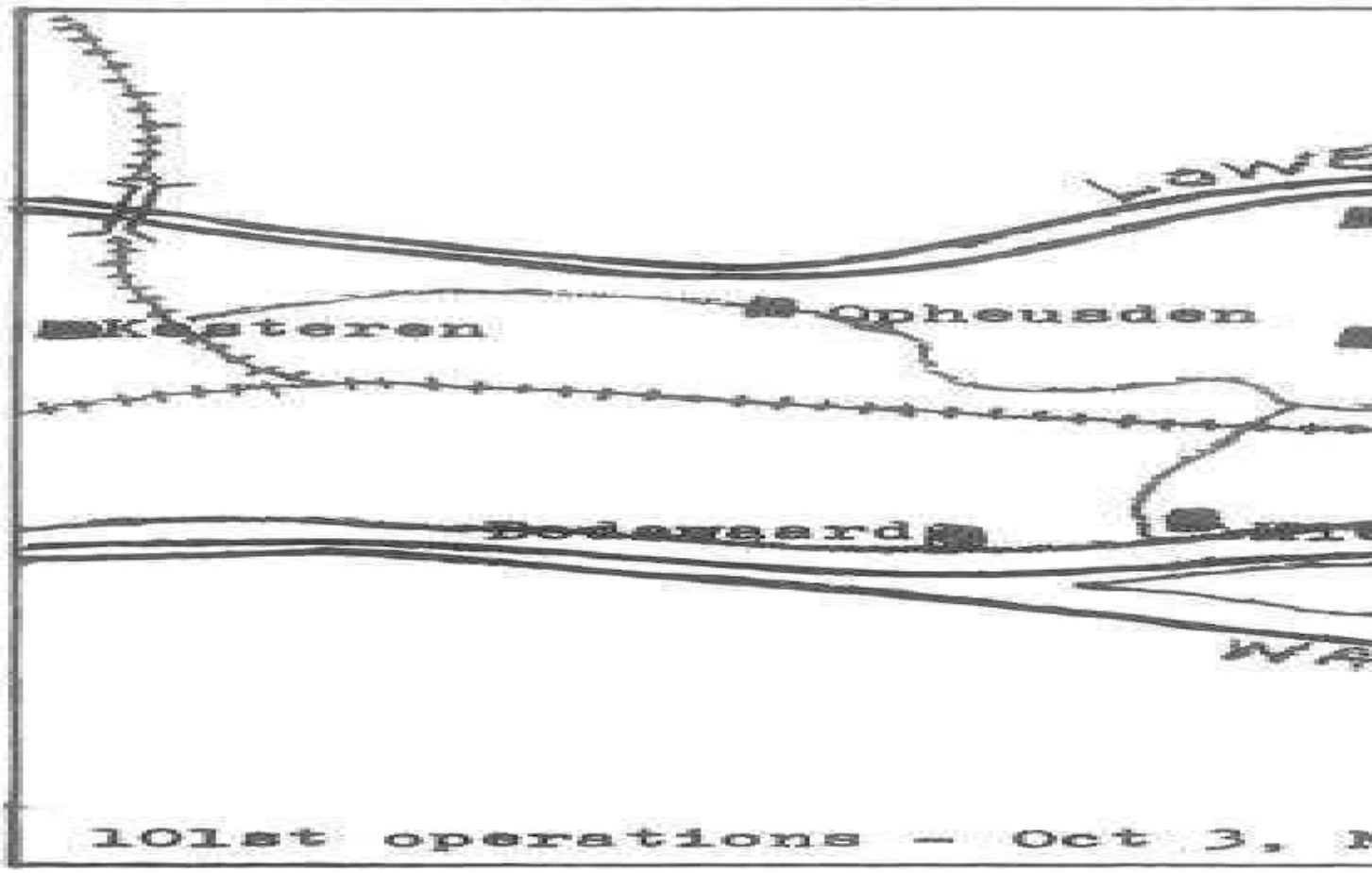
(F) Who was first sergeant? Lt.
~~Steele~~ Medic? Lt.

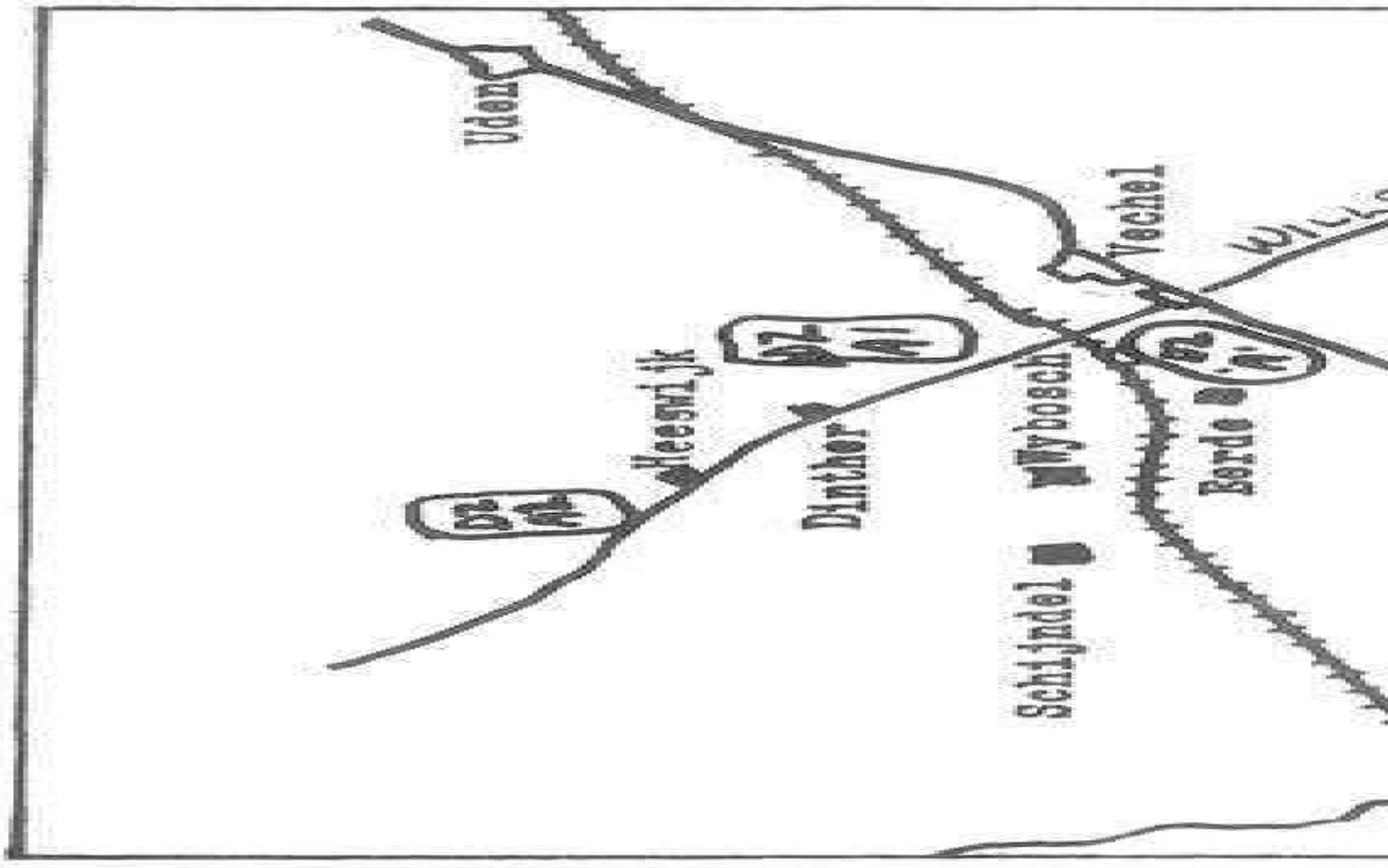
(G) What recollections do you
this mission? We lost
so the bridge
to Holland during
taken? State
etc. Believe cotto

(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during
① Our first attack
was the night a
where it was fo
some wounded.
② when we ar
to get from the
area.

Screaming Eagle





(I) What was your most harrow
branches of the Rhine Riv
Was my ass't
right side of the
Ran Germans go
at us suppose

(J) Describe some of the ways
six-week sojourn on the i
yourself and others?)
Picking Bea

(K) Do the actions of any ind
the Holland operation? (
due) We were fri
with Ernie, I ca
he is not, that

(L) In what way(s) were you a
Do not
just when in

(M) What is your most vivid m
When we were
getting out of Ch

(N) Have you ever gone back t
no. If yes, were you ab
were your friends during
But w

(O) Describe briefly what you
I am now reti
6 grandchildren, 4 so
Retired in 93 a

(P) Have you exchanged visits
✓ If Yes, name some of
Ken Bishop, Chu

PVT H2N

Pvt. Henry C. T
Normandy. In Holl
of Company "I". H
Jim Edgar's squad
let a truck load
broke loose. Kest
which broke his s
station. Lt. Ell
being attacked by
but four of us in
later walking dow
the CP. Colonel E

"The Dutch peop
in the world. The
drink. They tried

Taylor remember
(except) the Dutc
field in approxim

Citing a former
scout. The guy se
the enemy.

Most vivid memo
and then chased o

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NAME & RANK PVT HENRY C. TAY

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/~~BATTE~~

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? Holland W
the Dutch were in ex

(A) What was the mission of y
to secure Eer
leading in

(B) Did anything unusual happ
2nd they were Engaged

(C) Do you recall names of ot
glider? Edgar, Kester, Qu
Gregoire Gaxiola

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
Lt. Ell Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic? (Mail

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? Squad Leader
quiet the 1st day i let
then Hell Broke Loose
through the Stomach t
to aid Station

(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during
walking among trees, t
tanks with Both Lines
it white was Kil
Beside the RR track
Colonel Ewell was
then Became Re
Mortally wounded
told Col. Ewel take
was a very

(I) What was your most harrowi
branches of the Rhine Rive

(J) Describe some of the ways
six-week sojourn on the is
yourself and others?) ___
people, i Have ex
they would Boil
Drink. they H
Help us.

(K) Do the actions of any indi
the Holland operation? ___
due) Bert y tad se
Many of our lives
enemy

(L) In what way(s) were you as
they were
Field when we Jus
in F

(M) What is your most vivid me
Out of Eerde f
out again f

(N) Have you ever gone back to
No. If yes, were you abl
were your friends during t
Fallawin (Gen)
i Have a picture of h

(O) Describe briefly what you
stayed in Service Ref
Bought Houses, Have S
in Good Health

(P) Have you exchanged visits
Yes If Yes, name some of t
I like a ba
i Hope this h
what went on in F

Say: I t
Jim Edgar
Secretary
He is Fro
looks like
the same
Girl Fros
(e
Happi

Cpl Rich

In a long lett
his platoon lead
losing him in Ho
from the First B
perately attempt
Neder Rhine Rive
101st . Our job
would be in esta
Thus it was that
boat from the en
British led and
the east bank an
Wilcombe. His bo
seemed to leap f
appeared suspend
heap alongside t
river by the cur
moment died."

PFC Laurence

PFC Larry Burgoon was
Tadsen and others. He
ammo off the drop zone.
evening a German patrol
the track on both sides
pulled back on an open

"We were getting shel
Tadsen or Klazak called
the way. I got it in th
station. I was spitting
so went back to the com

On the night attack t
roads. Got to far out w
for going too far. They
night attack.

Then I was on night p
had the complete passwo
road crossing. The last
the hospital. That was

IND

NAME + RANK PFC LAURENCE R.

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UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATTE

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? Security S

(A) What was the mission of y

(B) Did anything unusual happ

(C) Do you recall names of ot
glider? [illegible]

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic?

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
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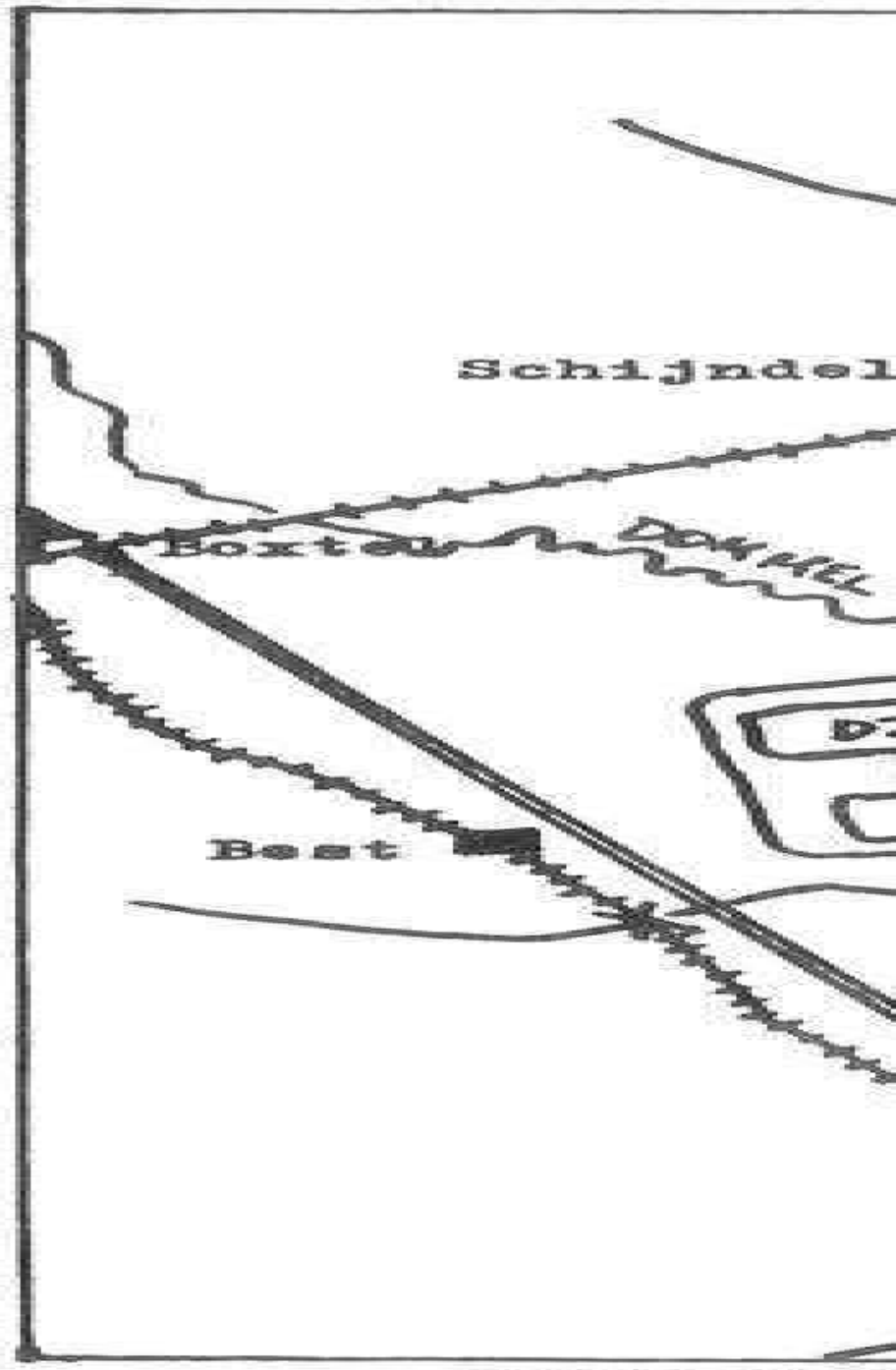
(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during



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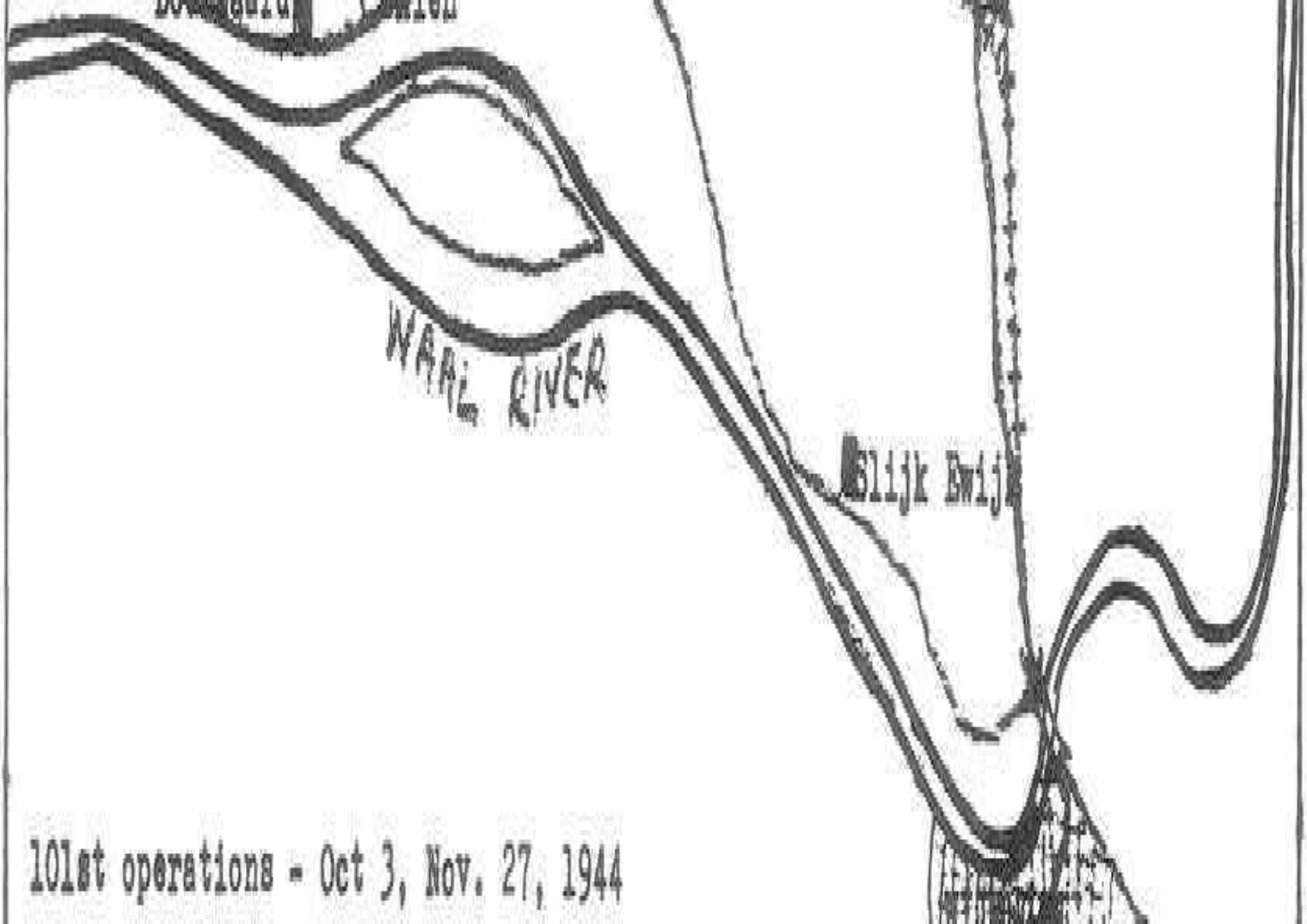

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n November of 1942. At
ttalions were already
with only "D" company
procedure was simple.
ging area and as each
completed it's roster
ning. Upon completion
battalion was begun
e.
y in those days were
Stanley
laum
ilcombe
hite
n)
hose days was
nowledge Lt. Col.
d Col Johnson as
an assistant battalion
lly (SHELBY) otherwise
name came about

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ed a battalion march
a shot-gun straight
Big Red and take

of "I" Company I must
epitome of partisan
unique ability of linking
members of his platoon
most of us looked
the amazed we
of an unknown
after we had entered
in the bayous of
in the ways of
we marveled at
ed snakes, coon, and
was a throwback to
Francis Marion.
combat did not
platoon would be
discussing the
theoretical combat
mile away and
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PFC Ro

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supposedly left
with his ability
was like a parad
His battalion wa
his company comm
platoon leader a
"It was a perf
It was like a pi
He remembers "
in the streets o
He also voices
reports: "Disgus
out of the fire

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NAME & (Rank) _____

CURRENT ADDRESS _____

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATTE

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? _____
NORMANDY MISSION? _____

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(A) What was the mission of y

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glider? _____

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(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt

_____ Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? _

_____ Medic? _____

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? _____

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(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be
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memorable experiences during

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(J) Describe some of the ways
six-week sojourn on the i
yourself and others?)_____

(K) Do the actions of any ind
the Holland operation? __
due) _____

(L) In what way(s) were you a

(M) What is your most vivid m

(N) Have you ever gone back t
_____. If yes, were you at
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what you

(P) Have you exchanged visits
_____ If Yes, name some of

PFC Nor

Norman Nelson
Holland because "
because I was inv
short stay in Hol
important strateg
town of Veghel."

The flight acr
went smoothly unt
does not remember

"I was wounded
not know. Some of
After a couple da
about two weeks u
Brussels, Belgium
My mouth was such
along with it."

"At our DZ I c
on landing. Dutch
nowhere to render
mission I did hel
organized and sur
were with the men
their mission in
of the road. I di

Help from the
helped provide lo
information. They

Most vivid rec
German soldiers t
badly wounded Ger
the countryside a

(Norman has a
given to him at t

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NAME & Rank: Private 1

CURRENT ADDRESS 1067

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? Many

was wounded for a much longer

(A) What was the mission of
To secure & protect
in & around the town of

(B) Did anything unusual happ
full of interesting happenings

(C) Do you recall names of o
glider? No we all
in the back of jumpers I beg

(D) Who was in charge of tha

(E) Who was your company/bat
Pitts Plato

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic?

(G) What recollections do yo
this mission? All I remem
time I was brought unconsc
I received some medical attent
from there we were taken by
back to England. My memory
was unclear along with it.
(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place b
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during
crossing the river I encountered
not being able to get to
the rest of the platoon
disoriented & separated
was with the rest of the
of their mission with
the end of the road.

Hello, George
First of all,
for the picture of you
by Debbie Dewe
long ago.
did not rec
your letter. Some
missed mail, mate
Southern Pines in
have tried to make
Yesterday afternoon
as you did on 9/07
time & my memories
memories. I must
today. How fall
basement & came
moments that did
from my mind.
I was on the jury
telegram that my
premises is inactive
is action thereafter; o

2. three years. Dear
a personal note and
enclosed membe
Secretary Eagle m
a first record of t
the receipt of
with a picture of the
of Bishop Brindley
Operations they perform
Eyes included together
with all this I have
receipt of from
United States Army
with praise beyond
Eisenhower. One of
by over sixty names
the same letters as
we received from
in Holland mission.
Netherlands missions I
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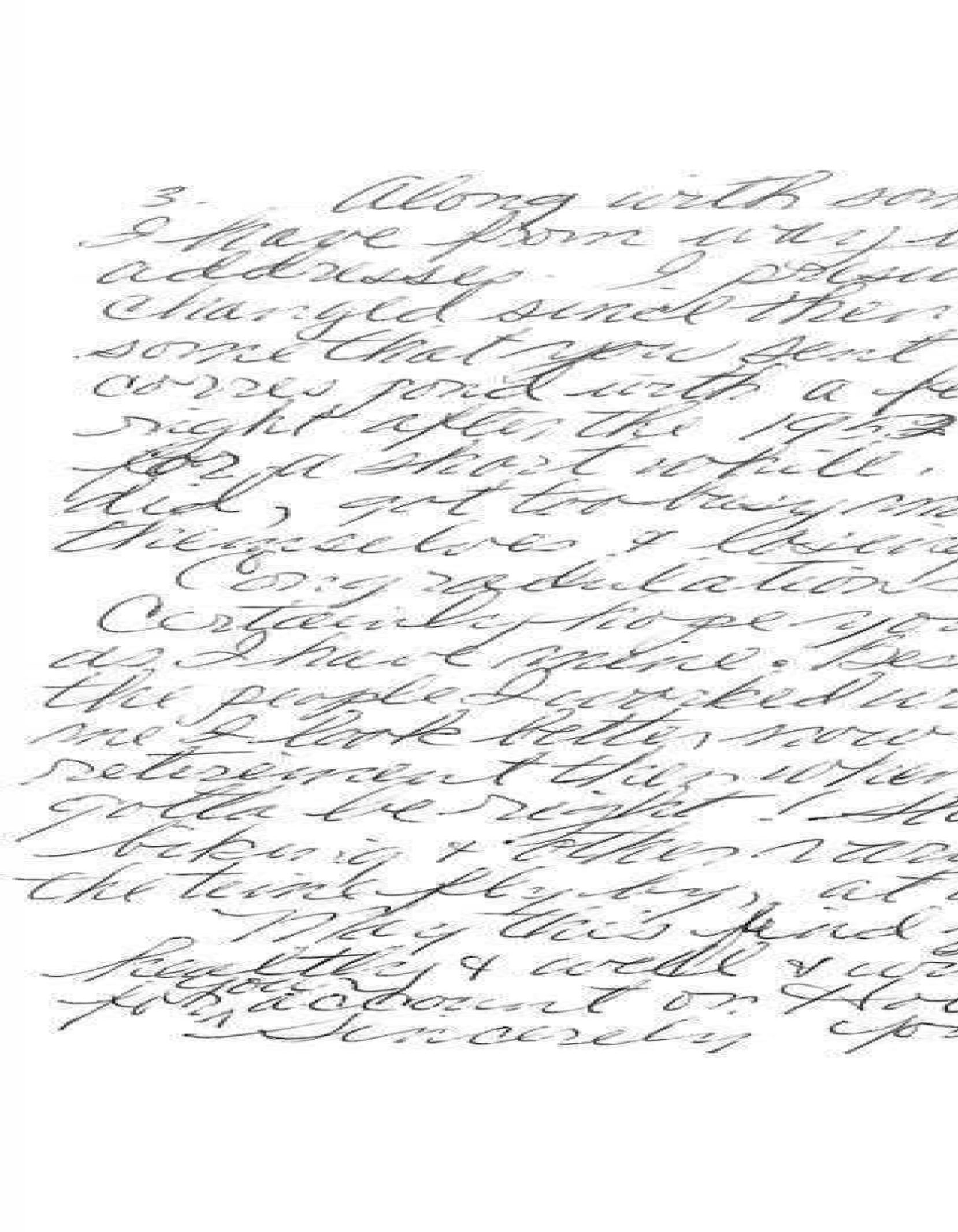

S/Sgt Rob

The following n
by Exposition Pre

"We had landed
dor and bridges a
the 502nd Regimen
to send a small p
job for a staff s
me to take four m
report back befor
Eerde or Veghel w
assignment.

"I picked Henry
started across th
was about three m
fields seemed to
road, so didn't s
roads and lanes w
some concealment
mills, but the or
of Eerde.

"As we approach
rifle fire; but i
of the village. A
began to come out
was a crowd in th
and giving them a
and we were glad
502nd had done al
garrison in the t
captured by t e t
a bridge but were
open.

"Civilians cont
shaken hands with
in a big red bric
ported about the
officer warned us

had escaped from
The officers wer
wasn't over and
was firing not f
"We started ba
rle, for a certa
group of German
seen us, so we c
just a few feet
killed all but o
dropped earlier
'Kamerad', so we
should leave him
along to be ques
"We continued
We found battali
reported about 5
A sergeant at ba
talions of our r
part of the corr
digging in just
we went out ther

S/Sgt

The following
lished by Exposi

"On the night
soldiers who had
division and had
ground had a tel
The actual cross
just to our left
the underground
ready, the boats
British soldiers
sent a diversiona
(Douglas) Wilcom

Another excerpt
recorded by John
action in his hom

"Another incid
forty lined up o
front of the lin
box with green i
have one of thos
501st paratroope
line slapped the
The 501 men behi
end of it he str

Sgt Ja

(This material
Quality Inn in L
Jim and Marge Br
to visit friends

"Our platoon w
who were moving
area to our fron
at the point and
Poslusney was qu
and informed us
McPherson called
The two of us we
the ditches. We
was cussing them

"It so happene
an orange flag.
appear white to
for communicatin
into the hedgero
Goering Panzer D
a quarter mile b
were now their p
German 2nd lieut
shut my mouth an
In other words,
him (in German)
the nearby lieut
us. He said, 'No
and me. While th
prisoners as the
had seen was the

Another office
heard stories ab
were going to ki
said 'I'm going
see me die! I ra
we're not going
three times befo

"We got back t
chain of command
about us. I rela
regiment. One of
him the same sto
prisoner when we
der and had come
me how he had go
to school in our
of life. I spoke
going to lose th
kept asking me,
German.' I expla
born in the Unit
cause. They coul
"From regiment
story again. On
in a Catholic ho
they took me to
and where they w
fascinating. I w
who greeted each
"I was moved t
gation. I told t
left the room. T
ting near the wi
right of the hos
The officer in c
facing the windo
observe the outs
"They had come
I'm not really a
send me back. Th
had an opportuni
'If I volunteer
cigarettes?' I s
got one of his m

white sheet betw
to the 327th Gli
from the sergean
up voluntarily a
back to the Germ
taken up there a
McPherson was re
until the buck p
"T/5 Glen Kemb
He was a close t
prisoner he thre
up to where I wa
abdomen. When th
he'd have lived.

Glen Kemble is
where out from V
Sgt James E. E
patrol across th
of the river. We
wanted to know w
take a 7-man pat
was second in co
from regiment th
the area so that
we had two .50 c
fire in case we
just where we we
one man in charg
and observe what
hill. We had hol
go forward, I st
meant hold still
got to the top.
at that point. W
and we could hea
got pretty close

last position as
on a weapon and
boats. Our missi
in. So we get ou
lak and(PFC Emil
Boat-----' in the
going up--a dud.
have only had tw
ated us if they
that, we started

Sgt. J

This material
Quality Inn in I
Jim and Marge Br
to visit friends

"Our platoon w
men who were pu
check out the ar
happened We had
mately a mile aw
front of us, and
surrendering. So
Jim Breier who s
Posluszney. We g
hedgerows and th
was cussing them
so happened the
flag, but with th
but It was their
artillery people
into the hedgero
Herman Goering I
as he stopped as
surrender. We ha
So John is free
but McPherson ar
are their prison
and he says to m
that if he doesn
otherwise I'm go
him. I couldn't
to him. I spoke
referred my mess
and he said 'No
had gone beyond
me I tell them,
our artillery ma
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they were taking
company in the h
see me get shot.
and the lieutena
'No, you're goin
and he says No.
they finally con
to the next chai
S-2. They wanted
ized officer bey
certain they wer
of the guys I s
And I spoke to h
prisoner when we
had come forward
had gone to scho
in our country.

spoke to Him in English.
the war. They didn't hav
told the same story. On
stationed in a hospital.
at. At division they had
our positions and where
they took me to a little
officers would go by wit
put me in t is private r
taken prisoner. I told t
interrogators--two of th
guard. I'm sitting over
a railroad station to th
all this. So when the of
facing the window. He re
the outside. What had ha
I had come up voluntaril
had to send me back. So
I had a chance to become
'If ~~if~~ I volunteer to ta
I said I'd get him him a
from his squad and the r
They brought me back to
the pistol from the serg
voluntarily. And they ha
article he brought along
They sent the buck priva
about me being taken up
McPherson was released.
private and the buck ser
their two were returned.
Kemble was a communica
mine. When he found out
and grabbed an M-1 and r
He was machine gunned in
no plasma otherwise he'd
across his abdomen and w
were released later on.
captivity was also relea
any chocolate or cigaret
Several of my interrog
and we're German.' I sai
born in Germany and my b
couldn't understand why
der in Holland because t
(An assigde: T/5 Glen
out from Vechel.)(I cann
in the Regiment)(I think
(Question to Jack Brei
a three-day pass to brus
have that pass at home a
took the patrol across t
give to the prisoner epi
24. A few days after we
hospital might have been
Vechel area and when he
line positions of the Ge
interrogation (deBriefin
the hospital

the Catholic hospital ar
send me a copy of the ma

Sgt Breier is reputed
River for the 101st. Thi
to Brussels--an he was c
besides himself on this
What was your mission
We can hear rumblings or
So S/Sgt Bob Houston was
spoke German. So I was h
patrol. It had to be Reg
could leave the area so
We had two .50 cal machi
picked up. coming back c
landed our two rubber po
and our mission was to c
we had -- I took the lea
The way it worked out, s
of the man in front. I wa
with my toe which was ad
as fast as we could go.
patrol. We could hear ve
retreated down the hill
movement. I think we wer
they were moving tanks i
the release of a safety
back to our rubber boats
moving in. So we get int
(PFC Frank L and PFC Emi
boat' in the middle of t
there is a flare going u
They must only have had
us if they had gone off.
sending patrols across c

PFC

PFC Carl D. Bec
twin tails in the
continent. Capt
He thinks the com
Westerholm and Lu
Recalling the l
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fi&ht."
Recalling later
by Kraut fighter
carrying six cant
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crews covering ri
British tank firi
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"George I don't
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comrade-in-arms."
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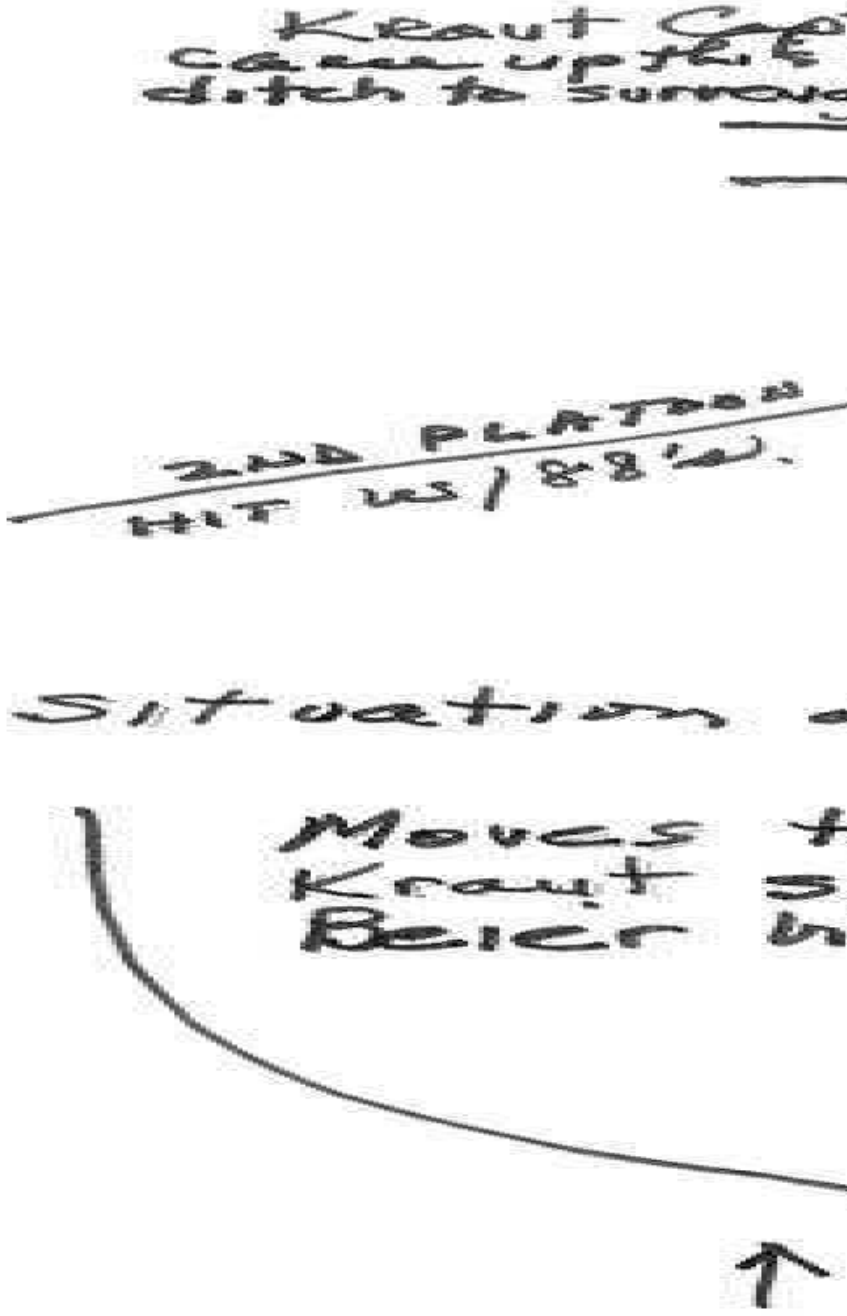

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were in the open.
he was on my left
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LT. Richardson. H
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course we returne
to share, which w
research this inc
Road, Lombard, IL
wounded, along wi
the British and p
"As I recall, G
Eerde; further I
pal, LT. Somme, w
was wasted by a s
the 2nd platoon b
"I sure hope yo
more Krauts than
'move, shoot, and
"In reference t
concealed in a ba
the 508th crossin
having been picke
orderly, we natur
"Once more I wo
to the memory of
wouldn't bet on i
"George I know
these events beca
subjective charac
emotion goes into
obscure the haze

IND

NAME & (Rank) Pvt Gen D

CURRENT ADDRESS 248 Cain

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATTE

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APPR
NORMANDY INVASION? yes
NORMANDY MISSION? /

(A) What was the mission of y
Secure a hea

(B) Did anything unusual happ
Two - 75s secure Trev

(C) Do you recall names of ot
glider?

(D) Who was in charge of that

(E) Who was your company/batt
Platoo

(F) Who was first sergeant? _
Medic? Unk

(G) What recollections do you
this mission? Trev was
Kevin was hit in
the head.

(use additional space if nec

(H) Much action took place be
island between the two branc
memorable experiences during
By Kasserine Pass we
Each Company & Ba
two officers from
two left as wounded. (T
back as Survivors
second platoon ge

(I) What was your most harrowi
branches of the Rhine Rive

(J) Describe some of the ways
six-week sojourn on the is
yourself and others?)

(K) Do the actions of any indi
the Holland operation? ✓
due)

(L) In what way(s) were you as

(M) What is your most vivid me

(N) Have you ever gone back to
No. If yes, were you abl
were your friends during t

(O) Describe briefly what you

(P) Have you exchanged visits
✓ If Yes, name some of t

Dear Sender -

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letter.

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tion is the w
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or both of you
a letter (or otherwise
etc., stating
District Atty

My letter
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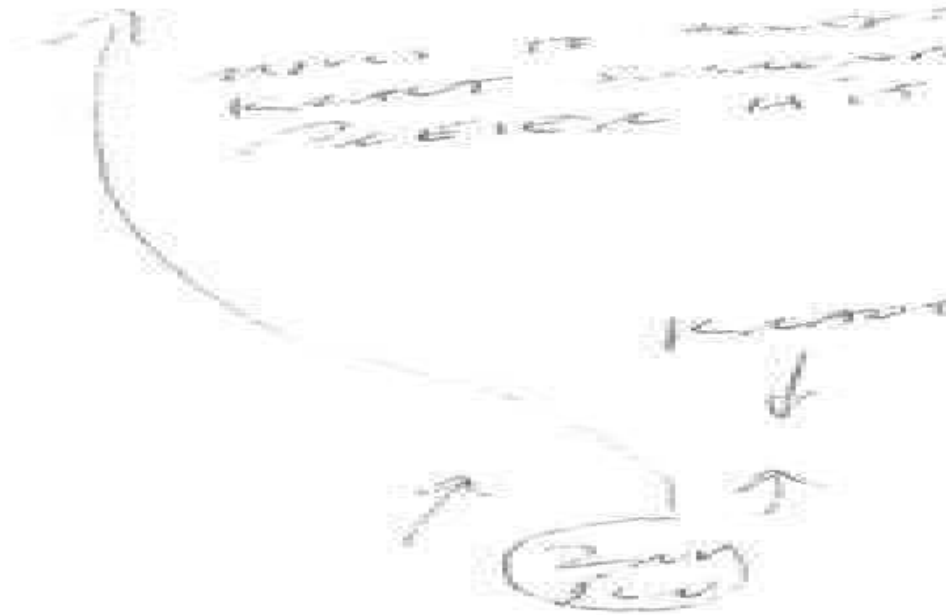
to submit

2nd Pg
H.T. w/ 85

This is the original



Once we
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of Dr. Lewis
Conference is
Presidents. It
because we
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are for writ
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IN

NAME & Rank: PFC James D. Ba

CURRENT ADDRESS 52 So. 2n

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (APP
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? Did
hospital When 101

(A) What was the mission of

(B) Did anything unusual hap

(C) Do you recall names of o
glider?

(D) Who was in charge of tha

(E) Who was your company/bat
Plato

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic?

(G) What recollections do yo
this mission?

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(N) Have you ever gone back t
No. If yes, were you at
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what you

(P) Have you exchanged visits
X If Yes, name some of

S/Sgt

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However, some ae
Bacon. He wrote:
before the jump
the Eerde drop z
me. So between t
down two large t

Recalling the
the night we too
check enemy posi
On the way back,
ditch, could hav
machine gun. Nei
to chat but took

IN

NAME & Rank: John Baco

CURRENT ADDRESS Cumbe

UNIT IN 101ST (COMPANY/BATT

BECAME MEMBER OF 101ST (AP
NORMANDY INVASION? Yes
NORMANDY MISSION? _____

(A) What was the mission of
To Keep The Cro

(B) Did anything unusual hap
Anti Air Craft

(C) Do you recall names of c
glider? _____

(D) Who was in charge of tha

(E) Who was your company/bat
Plato

(F) Who was first sergeant?
Medic? _____

(G) What recollections do yo
this mission? The Photo
before The Drop -
Right Side of The B
when I kept The Pha
Pictures and The d
Two large Trees

(use additional space if ne

(H) Much action took place b
island between the two bran
memorable experiences durin
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and myself were
we were laying Fl
now we lay behind us
Reached up And Tor
Both of us could N
Chat - But Took our

(I) What was your most harro
branches of the Rhine Ri

(J) Describe some of the way
six-week sojourn on the
yourself and others?) ____
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(K) Do the actions of any in
the Holland operation? X
due) JAMES BREE
Surgery - Rear-Rear

(L) In what way(s) were you

(M) What is your most vivid

(N) Have you ever gone back
No. If yes, were you a
were your friends during

(O) Describe briefly what yo
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Chev-Old-Cad Machi

(P) Have you exchanged visit
Yes If Yes, name some of
John McMillan - Clar
Clarence Wray - CC Mac

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Regm
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2851 Franklin St
Highland, Indiana

May 13, 1991

Dear George,

The enclosed is a
the requirements f
the portion that d

The book was wri
is keyed to the f
More colorful lan
suitable for chil
might have been us
were fresh and is

Thanks for sending

Your recent list
you please send it

Ernie Hurt

Ind

Name and Rank Cpl Ernest C

Current Address 2851 Frank

Unit of 101st (Company/~~Bat~~

Circle campaigns in which

1. Reflections as you left
respect for the Dutch and

2. Anything of special int
departure for Bastogne:

3. What do you remember of
COLD! Cramped and puzzle

4. Did the chaos in and ar
men around you? I don't
was why so much traffic h

5. Who was your company/ba
Lt.Joe Markham Plat
relied on in tough situ
Heber Way, Red Anderson,

6. Your most memorable act
unknown): That night whe

7. There were several othe
you cite instances in w
your efforts:

8. It may help you to revi
Eight Days; D-Day to Ba
GFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some o
book of this nature. De
time we were at Bastogn
mid-January: George, bec
generalize, but people, d
attack that I recall, pro
that Karshner, known as "
intact. Probably the nex
were resupplied and the f
arrived, and I knew this

Back in
once again slept
a big turnkey d
than usual. Man
of our clothing t

The rai
little snow fell
week nights we c
ma-lon). We we
a long time.

Once ag
up early, polic
keep us in shape

Christma
from home, and
away from home
plans for Christ
and a show for
We were looking f

Our hop
twentieth was on
two hours when o
rushed in. "All
start packing!

I don't know wh
Germans have br
we have to stop t
We all
had happened?
fight with? Our
or boots to wea
K rations and a
it was getting li
Some of
that had been b
nothing with wh
arrived at the c
they were going
Belgium. It was
of German planes
trip and a hard o
The wea
us. We were pa
positions well
tired to get muc
we ran into. It
found out that
pushing west. We
All nig
there was a sti
going. It seem
the tanks and s
we, with only abo

About t
Bastogne (Bas-to
we got off the
where we were goi
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roads leading in
supplies from co
After a K ratio
town to meet th
got clear throug
the first machi
and dug in. It
a hard time dig
were beginning to
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caught by surpri
beyond Bastogne
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one side and the
and the fighting
fell in large f
next day the sn
degrees below ze
we could around
had to get up
getting frostbitt

The cold weather
were awful. Eac
we were nearly ou

We foun
to us by the r
drop supplies to
then started an
knocked at us wi
put seven tanks o

Not sinc
ago, had we see
We were being h
and large guns t
trails into the
ground. Flares
into weird, halfl

The col
fighting for our
or face running o

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it to get it with
times a squad wou

The wir
to the guns, wer
one of our wire
that it seemed
and danger he fac

That ni
any other time
were ignored.
of training before
Sometime
The German attac
tanks and men.
how low our amm
would have been c
Christma
of the clouds bre
had been sent ou
it was the only c
would be a waste
It was
our wounded and
for medicine and
little sorry for
However,
had his Christmas
was on its way to
Later
sent around a C
Germans had dema
We had until two
answer was, "Nuts
This bo
the last of the
gave us courage.

Christm
small attacks a
plane dropped a
cold continued.
Maybe tomorrow
to drop supplies
The ne
past five days.
this day. As
the sun popped
of airplane eng
planes.
Quickly
to guide the pl
vomitted their
were dropped o
each one held.
other colors. W
In a s
up the bundles
the items were s
Now we
us. We moved
sun stayed out
with machine gun
The nex
broke through t

around, getting
which might be at
Each da
Armored Division
until we were se
Bulge, which the
the important su
big stand of the
Our div
Battlers of the
proud of it!
It was
second year over
from home we had
The dro
ago. The rain
fresh in our mi
It would take a
in Bastogne and
and the planes
soon forget the f
Finally,
by another divis
more quiet front
we were all to
wrong, but they s

After a
of Bastogne to G
onto the trucks
still bad, and
constant worry ha

1Lt. Robe

1Lt. Robert I. K
doing battle in Ho
trucks, the extrem
and the lack of in
He wrote: "We ra
we were attacking
wondering why they
disorganized and w
sad sight."
The men 1Lt. Rob
Stach, platoon lea
He also remember
sion and they stay
and TD's were being
1Lt. Robert I. K
in the early morni
Battalion. The ini
then the unit bein
row seat watching
of 'I' Company. (Th
the 20th and the h
mors of the 21st o
21st then the heav
pieces deployed in
On the 22nd the ru
tude of the men to
lasting memory for
keep from freezing
arrived, wrecked h
later in the day.
were unbeatable.
The aerial bomba
'A' Company's CP.
member) to plug ho
being used several
Glider Infantry wh
seemed to work out

"Then there was
was in the line in
artillery fire the
when it arrived in
marmite cans and c
of mashed potatoes
No one had any mes
handed into one ca
fist-full of mashe
1944.

"On the day afte
forces were gettin
ing of the guns in
will get out of th

"One of the last
road to Bizory int
leaving behind Bas
17, 1945."

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Name and Rank Robert L
Current Address 252 Mea
Unit of 101st (Company/Batt
Circle campaigns in which y

1. Reflections as you left
Eastern White

2. Anything of special inte
departure for Bastogne:
before we left
many important D

3. What do you remember of
Night. The Le
The Weather next

4. Did the chaos in and aro
men around you? We Re
As we were attacking
Why we were there. They were

5. Who was your company/bat
(Name) M.C.B. Plato
relied on in tough situa
Ranks Platoon I am

6. Your most memorable acti
unknown): See

7. There were several other
you cite instances in wh
your efforts: I Can
Men from the
the Ordeal. I

8. It may help you to revie
Eight Days; D-Day to Bas
GFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some of
book of this nature. Des
time we were at Bastogne
mid-January: The attack
of December 19th
Contact with the Co
Dick Perry. During
withdrawal the dress
I Co. the attack o
the Heart Patch
last of encirclement
Then the heavy fi
Before. Displayed in
Co. This and the Ru
attitude of the men
Photographic memory
Fight To Keep Fresh
under the P 40's AP
the Aerial Supply
was at the Hil

The aerial bombardm
Col. Ewell created a tas
in the Reg't sector. I
the left flank of the 32
This idea seemed to work

Then there was the hot
in the 327th sector. Due
the meal was four or fi
morning of Christmas Da
patties and one can of
welcome sight. No one
dirty bare handed into
a fist full of mashed

On the day after Christ
close to Bastogne. This
Then we all began to th

One of the last memorie
into the Bois Jacques
the terrible nightmare

George:

Many th
on Bastogne and also th
in response but I have
I am leaving on
whole sector involved
the return to Bastogne.
This tour is beir
commander with one of
sure you know him as he
Trumpets".

PFC Georg

PFC George A. Ric
with the extreme pl
spirits lifted by n
Birnard Montgomery."

Ricker had fond m
football games and

His commander was
1Lt. Joe Markham. R

"As I recall we m
My responsibility w
company commanders.
matic fire at day l
fellow on the point
talking to him late
grenade in his hand
emplacement he escap
miller in the didtc
the 501st was disba
nel effects, includi

"My squads deplet
fix bayonetw. I rem
the arrival of the
cellar wall in divi
which was interrupt

"After Christmas
recall just where.
area I was working
and was sent back t
As I moved up this
pot-shotted at with
the support company

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Name and Rank (PFC) George
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1. Reflections as you left
HAVING DRY feet To
Landed Wading To

2. Anything of special inte
departure for Bastogne:
Boxing Team - Fo

3. What do you remember of
Finally SYMPATHIZ

4. Did the chaos in and aro
men around you? I WA
DAZED in SHOCK + F

5. Who was your company/bat
MARKHAM Plato
relied on in tough situa
of the Time - Patrols

6. Your most memorable acti
unknown): The Battle

7. There were several other
you cite instances in wh
your efforts: Gen Pa
Troops I Encountere

8. It may help you to revie
Eight Days; D-Day to Bas
CFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some of
book of this nature. Des
time we were at Bastogne
mid-January: As I Recal
my Reasons. Billy was
it was Foggy Very Cold
Pt Though I Do not Know
for that MATTER whether
Later. Since Yes Billy
AND When with the 10th
By Tossing the Grenade De
He took A Slug Then I
I was on Leave in Hen I
All of my Wounds Assoc
Memory
my Wounds Deleted B
Fix Bayonets - I Remem
memo AND I Remem
After the Arrival of
The Ruptured Collar w
We were Consuming w

After xmas we moved
Just in Here. It was th
working with A. Lt. or C
was sent Back to Co
As I moved up This Logg
Being PoT stated At wi
The support co. Down Th

The 1st Battalion
when they departed f
for repair. For mor
memorable for him.

Two companies mo
third company brin
marched out toward
heard a lot of fir
before they came b
to set up. The ob
with Tom Karshner.
foggy! We were of
out past some barn
some barns.. It wa
mans saw us and we
was flying everywh
ran hard. We had
on the hill where
position of the Ge
It seemed like e
ber it got very co
night and Lt. Mark
Alderman, who was
front line. They
of the action was
section. The guns
I froze my feet
of socks. This wa
what was wrong. M
a lot of fire comi
line up to Hurt's
every time it blew
from the OP and on
between patching t
He said I should t
and the barn as he
or eleven at night
there was my ole f
'Bebout--what in h
and follow me.'
The following mo
back and report to
American soldiers
I had seen more st
Lancaster) and thi
Germans. I spread
there for a couple

Sgt. Paul B

After returning from Holl
per team as the rest had be
that he had picked up in Ho
"Those of us who had auto
look out for strafing Germa
We arrived in the Bastogne
Bastogne. They told us to g
and headed for Bastogne. As
much traffic moved westward
trouble getting through. Th
turned around to go the oth
Company commander was Cap
platoon sergeant was Paul B
one I could really rely on
thought I might need help,
for anything I did. Then t
I lost two men up in Hollan
The most memorable occasi
was the mortar platoon, the
get very foggy and as we ma
when we heard a lot of fire
came back calling for the m
vers were to move forward.
an OP. My gosh it was so fo
We moved out past some barn
barns. So Kershner and I mo
It was difficult to see ten
road block. The Germans ope
follow me and I tell you we
We got back up on the hill
It seemed like every nigh
very cold. I had been on th
sent Dan Kimery up with Cpl
and he had the other OP up
This is where most of the a
my section. The guns were b
I froze my feet and got m
was some help. I was to go
started to turn black. I do
it was cutting the communic
replacing and rewiring ever
that man from the Op and on
between patching the line a
should take all of the men
he had word the Germans wer
and got the men out of thei
--first thing he said was,
just fix bayonet and follow
The following morning bef
to the medics in town. I di
That kind of bothered me a
the medic was a dentist and
set up). I spread out my bl
couple of days.
After General Patton's tr
return to his unit until th
went to Luxenbourg, then to
The above is from a tape
miniature tapes which was e

When I was in the hospit
into Sgts Hughes and Moore
in the hopsital, who is ru
and Moore and I were well
After a few days, arrangem
this time was at Camp Mour
felt back home. I was appa
we had gotten in, I didn't
replacement berrels for th
While trying to get thin
suffered a set-back and we
was chmping at the bit but
When we heard at the hos
was getting ready to go. T
body that was a paractroop
the word and happened to r
we.e standing there talking
gotten some transportatio
said, 'give me five minute
came in and asked what I w
no one to run the radios.
hell--I'm going with or wi
steirs and got in the back
other guyseand we were on o
Stech was standing there w
hell are you doing here? W
of guys that jumped the ho
Stech and said, 'You don't
and I seid, 'Then what's t
ynu can. My main protlem w
Lt. Murphy got me a few ==

It was either on the 19t
3 o'clock or so. "A" Compe
evening before there had b
the 506th and the 501st we
trsck. There was an open
there and when they had co
our machine gunners. We di
orders to go out and try t
least overnight in case th
If you remember, Easter
growths. The trees were pl
around plsnted in rowe. We
and he said he wanted us s
tree line as there was s i
pretty dark plus the fact
--you could see but about
started to come up thxough
end then we opened up snd
They were exploiting the h
After they pulled back w
men encounters--thesy ste
course there were the tree
end it didn't do much good
orders to pull back. into
the hospitsl snd not knowi
knew me, had been hit and

part of his body. I just
the darkness and everythi
rear along with the rest
going back to seek new po
jeep that had come up to
last I saw of him--I woul

PFC Carl H. Ca

Fragments from a
the 101st Airborne
hospital and later
on December 12.

PFC Carl H. Cartle
champagne party for
wrote: "S-2 had a c
polished my new boo
Teichmen brushed my
Calvados. Wilbur la

PFC Carl H. Cartle
ing out derisively
ain't gonna stop th

A recollection fr
when our team moved
Two of the greatest
country. Arthur Tei
Bedford, Mass. Thei
gun road block with
Their battle had ra
front.

"We fanned out on
where it spit two r
movement cut front.

"Blanchette lay o
been a helluva figh
snow. On the left h
Eight leather harne
were marked by bloo
pulled out.

"We carried the f
stretchers. Countin
recon teams had jum
eleven. Seven had b
Gardner, Palmer E.
lost brothers in ar
when the war was ov

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Name and Rank Pfc Carl H. C

Current Address 20 St. //w

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1. Reflections as you left
[illegible] so 4 British Bread Kapitt, I carr
[illegible] in British Uniform, the 2 hat

2. Anything of special inte
departure for Bastogne: S
[illegible] my new boots, telling them
[illegible], and Chief brought Cakes,

3. What do you remember of
said "they'd have to come to us th

4. Did the chaos in and aro
men around you? The Amer
[illegible] things as "Do you thi
[illegible] response. It made us

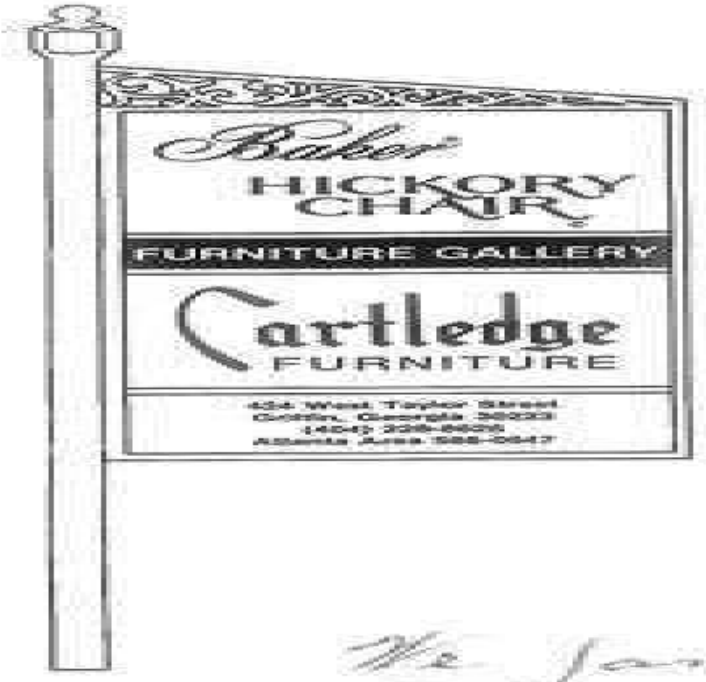
5. Who was your ~~company/bat~~ 1st Sgt
Plato
relied on in tough situa
Smith, Castiglione, The

6. Your most memorable acti
unknown): I killed 3 with 3 rifle

7. There were several other
you cite instances in wh
your efforts:

8. It may help you to revie
Eight Days; D-Day to Bas
GFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some of
book of this nature. Des
time we were at Bastogne
mid-January:

Geo



It was
team m
there a
ever to
Technic
New Bed
into a
infantr
Regt.

We passed out
down to where
stopped. We co
fire.

Blankets lay on
It had been a h
them in the ear
the machine gu
lay cut among
by blood patch

We carried the fi
carting our lo
room rooms ha
we were re
men we were
E. Smith Stiles
last brothers i

How would he
He was was o

This was a

PFC Carl

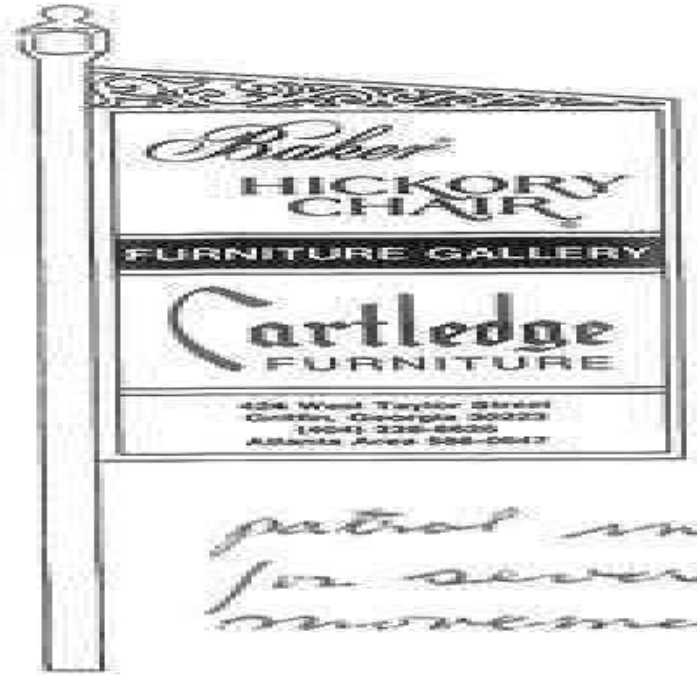
In writing about
PFC Carl H. Cartledg
one day before I pic
England, Sgt. (Jim)
Ewell wanted a dayli
mans had pulled out.
activity and yestero

"We moved out earl
myself. Brown took t
apart, taking advant
The snow made the go
houses. It appeared

"It was time to hu
secret places, behi
doors, the attics.
a discarded cured ha
except a fancy lai-le
yellow from the last

"Collins and I adv
a burst from my Thom
room. No one was ins
but I had spotted th
down there. I leaned

"There were three
frantically while o
haben cousin in Chic



Someone
top secret
lean and
and K-9,

On one of
my fourth
called me
patrol unit Eerie to
for several days the
movement at all.

We moved out early
Brown took the point
taking advantage
made the going
It appeared the

It was time to hu
secret places: behin
the attics. Somewhere
discarded curved ha
except a fancy lat
yellow from the last

Collins and I adva
a burst from my
into the room. Bu
the other room, bu
had to be done fo
my hand and flung

There were three
frantically, while
Jok haben cousin

more later

1LT Wer

In response to
the translation
to me by Tom Ric
"I remember hi
every time he sc
"He was captur
interrogated by
our hands becaus
was in front of
We had to transl
enemy in front o
as a sort of com

Dear George,

Received your
copy of some
November 7, 1944.
I remem
started way back
with Agric Hall
He was capt
and if alive - w
we learn later
because the che
his small unit w
was ever speci
translate any
by the Enemy
along to the
for our men -

George - we
in my Reco

(20) 664-0782 - Hom
(20) 435-8274 - Biz

PFC William Ozell Ha
Normandy campaign. There
"On this day, day be
motor pool and was given
December 1944, around 3
destination. As I think
captain in charge told m
this radio.
"We were the first to
18th at 4 o'clock in the
night long, black out, b
Bastogne the road was fu
wes" Haimes comes back t
I write, but I have to r
wrote his letter to me o

Mr George Kosk
1222 Charlesto
Northville, MI

Dec 16 th 1969

Dear George &
Have just got
first & christ
it maid me tha
Squirrel hunti
way it was wit
ing , Shoting
I went to Serv
pool, On this
to the Motorpo
On 17th of Dec
around 3,oclo
Not knowing th
Jeeps, All I k
Drive thes Jee
We were the fi
Bestogne 18th
give out in my
to bumper as f
the road was f
lights, O.K. A
Forgive me for
yesterday) & t
you & Eva & al
as they are th
did not come B
May GOD Bless)
CHRISTMAS & Pr

Your Letter, I h
several times, I
do so, From your
I thank you have
I may go to Bedg
has moved from S
come to see them
as well, with the
C- Yes, George H
the price of it
to give to Winst
give one of the
for me, Of the T
Destiny, O.K. Se
Mail you a Check
White, 120, N, C
This is the Addr
O.K. George &
hardly see how y
remember one lit
as I read YOU, A
little, But I wil
did see some Kra
to mush to seeou
Well, Thank y
to you & Eva hav
Iknow it has som
for, Our States

PFC Rudy Wed

PFC Rudy Wedrs re
and replacement Pvt
moved up into some
digging at the time
I said to Manganell
came back about a h
I couldn't see anyt
where the hell are
damn it, where are
'Is--is--is that
"'It's me--what's
"'Have you got yo
ly.
Why?
"'There's Germans
by the hole and I'm
"He had buried it
The Study Abo

"I was in a large
was high. Outside t
was here with 'Papp
door was a courtyar
and I was back here
'Good buddy' Bowers
case' and he walked
and I was near by s
must have been an a
racket. Colvin was
we went out in the
mines, or the perso

The following is
1944 by a German so

Dearest:
Against expecte
eff. The whole f
equally glad that
sacred evening of
they are lying in
clothes, and that
This Christmas
coming into the A
rew evening there
I expect this att
The boys have a
like to spend per
Darling, I suppos
little hanneleres
eyes shining and
present under it,
me--what I am doi
Yes, my dear bart
lies of boys in e
hit them. Destiny
we would meet aga
of course little
I haven't sent
shall be able to
missed.
Another hour an
knows what territ
Dearest, I am t
imagine that in a
come and hold you
Darling.*

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*Copy of the abov
written at 8 p.m. C
Meier. The notation
written by a German
soldier is dead as
turned in to PWE."

Chaplain Engel
families of our
by Lieutenant Lau
Von Rundstedt was
immediately to plu
over three weeks
months). A large
in Paris, Rheims,
all airborne men
to te left behind
to Bastogne.

Chaplain Engel
band appeared. The
constant jibes by
operations in Norm

'Father,' their
egain. We joined
war.'

'So?' I said, se
light to disobey
'We thought you

'Speak to the C
if I bothered him
sure, getting his

'Well, then, hov
pull out? This mig

I shrugged my sh
but at least I did
sonally thought ti
men to bolster ou
found a couple of
and from what I h
Several of them w
Thus they regained
the regiment.

We were leaving
throwing the few
there wasn't time
I have time for c
out, I went aroun
gave general abso

Sampson, Capt. Fra
Division Associatio

On the 20th of
group of regiment
and several of hi
we were all quite
smoke and a short
Warrant Officer,
said. 'A group of
north of here.' I
wounded were left
for there were fo
My driver, Cpl.
find the place. S
about, I decided
division medical
before. A few Ger
side road, shot u
captured our whol
tal supply trucks
men. Since Doc Wa
supplies, I decid
left behind. We l
ment and were rea
However, a sold
quite a skirmish
thought there mig
place Sheen had r
see, and just ove
of them. An armor
out from behind t
came up quickly.
'Stop the jeep,
'That's O.K., F
We were capture

Sampson. pp. 107-

INDI

Name and RankEber H. Thoma

Current Address 110 Millw

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Circle campaigns in which y

1. Reflections as you left
I was satisfied to leave
area were very friendly

2. Anything of special inte
departure for Bastogne:
vehicles in good shape.

3. What do you remember of
ammunition to the men pr
reached Belgium. Then i

4. Did the chaos in and aro
men around you? None a
Co. Hdqs. and motor pool
the frequent stops. Move

5. Who was your company/bat
F. E. Sheridan ~~the Radio~~
relied on in tough situa
Cederburg. Company super

6. Your most memorable acti
unknown): 21-22 Decem

7. There were several other
you cite instances in wh
your efforts: Not App

8. It may help you to revie
Eight Days; D-Day to Bas
GFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some of
book of this nature. Des
time we were at Bastogne
mid-January: During th
S-4, visited the Co area
Bastogne to the West. He
west of our present loca
to assist in transportin
down the road to Sibret
if the roads were open.
the penetration was from
along the Bastogne-March
smaller road which heade
instructed me to relocat
about 1-2 miles and ran
During the time the
Company came to me and s
branch about 200 yards t
and go after the German.
remain with his vehicle

(See attached sheet)

After waiting for a
column of vehicles. Imm
Div. Reconnaisance Pla
he contact 101st. Div. H
radio. He advised that h
walking up the column.
Field Artillery Battalio
guided to a house where
Lt.Colonel Patten or Pat
contact the 101st Div. H
Hqs. of the unit in Bast
of his tanks knocked out
the village to the south
At dusk, I pulled
house. 1st.Sgt. John Ce
me and also assisted in
The 57th FA Bn. pos
A 105 howitzer was set u
Around 0200-0300 a
talking) came up the sam
FA Bn. guard fired the
as the tank fired its ma
I immediately went
of the situation. He st
armored column was comin
talked with him for a wh
consisted of about thirt
At daylight I retu
At this time the German
edge of the woods - abou
taking my men and headin
out as all roads were bl
tion and there was one l
I then contacted th
looked at the map and I
no towns, no crossroads
By this time the fo
3-4 hours. The Recon Pl
I never saw them again a
Upon arriving in Ne
try Division Headquarter
was missing. I was sent
the roads leading into B
were manned by Service
stragglers. Lt. Tidwell
in charge of the outpost
About 4-5 days afte
the 4th Armored Division
trucks to return to the
Degenaar, the Adjutant,a
Several things stu
fire; the truck load of
was located killing the
bomb dropped on the chu
everywhere; Col. Ewell s
the 501; the weather cle
around Bastogne.; the da
seen.

Dear George,

Your letter of
Greenwood, S. C. Inc
article and had a ph
and Marie Botić reun
and his wife who fle
meeting the folks ar
as possible.

The Dutch-Ameri
fine. Seems like a
cross the Atlantic t
40th anniversary tri
wonderful time.

George, I have
was involved in duri
pany I was with was
when they encountere
I was involved with
some of the 501 vehi
time the contact you

The attached st
or revise it as desi

Mary and I are
looking forward to
June - December 194
School. Went back
the men im the Regim
D. C. as it's too ho

Capt. Eber

Capt. Eber H. Them
regimental vehicles
He else remembered
Belgium; then it bec
"We set up the Ser
a mile west of Baste
an area where a 40mm
Capt. Themas was C
company exec. 1Lt. J
Cederburg. Company w
mental S-4 officer.
"During the afterr
mental S-4, visited
to move out of Baste
vice Company about 6
unload the trucks an
troops to the new le
Lt. Sheriden down an
Both returned and re
was from the Arlon-B
Bastogne-Marche high
smaller road which h
instructed me to rel
road for about 1 to
the road.
"During the time t
Company came to me a
the branch about 200
few men and go after
Flanagan to remain w
any time.
"After waiting for
the column of vehicl
101st Division Recon
he contact 101st Div
radio. He advised th

continued walking up
57th Armored Field A
57th commanding offi
located. There I met
commander. I request
he had been unable t
ton then informed me
Germans located up t
He felt there were s
"At dusk, I pulled
e house. 1/Sgt John
with me and also ass
"The 57th FA Bn. p
A 105mm howitzer was
"Around 0200-0300
them talking) came u
57th FA Bn. guard fi
ne damage as the tan
"I immediately wen
ledge of the situati
a U.S. armored colum
happen. I talked wit
pany (which consiste
of the motor pool.)
"At daylight I ret
At this time the Ger
the edge of the wood
taking my men and he
out as all roads wer
ammunition and there
"I then contacted
looked at the map an
--no towns, no cross
"By this time the
3-4 hours. The Recon
us. I never saw them

"Upon arriving in
Infantry Division He
Maki was missing. I
posts on the roads l
These outposts were
nel plus some other
days a 28th Division
assisted as my mea w

"About four or fiv
informed me that the
28th Division previd
arrival in Bastogne,
then resumed my duti

"Several things st
lery fire; the truck
501st HQ was located
the unexploded bomb
spilled powder every
Bellard taking comma
Force attacking the
for Alsace was the c

Capt. Ely

Originally assi
Roberts was assig
of Capt. Albert J
and his 3rd Bn. W
in Normandy. Robe
Johnson was kille
mander and that m
this post through

Roberts had fou
When I met him in
general.

PFC Leonard C

As a member of th
Cinquanta had an as
routes that enemy t
a touchy situation

We members of t
night we went out
located Pvt. Juli
Hahlbohm was. Whe
the hill where th
line. We were to
was no way to bur
string them on to
good luck it snow
never substantiat
mines and 'I' Com
Coming back out
that was very low
'Password!' For t
said a few other
both sides. Whoev
ours.' Thank God.

Regimental Headqu
in a schoolhouse in
to defuse unexplode
incident.

I remember well
coal pile. This m
to the courtyard
extreme left side
little job. I agr
GI who was with s
We walked over to
Sgt. Brown rolled
As he was the ser
after a few minut
defused a bomb be
get this damned t
me that sergeants

6S/Sgt Leon W. Br
when a truckload of
Two of Leonard Cinq
Brisco died in the

Ind

Name and Rank (PFC) Leonard

Current Address 4916 Archm

Unit of 101st (Company/Bat

Circle campaigns in which

1. Reflections as you left
I missed most was dr
meals (American) and
Island' area.

2. Anything of special int
departure for Bastogne:

3. What do you remember of
see other side.

4. Did the chaos in and ar
men around you? see o

5. Who was your company/ba
Pla
relied on in tough situ

6. Your most memorable act
unknown):

7. There were several othe
you cite instances in w
your efforts: Do not

8. It may help you to revi
Eight Days; D-Day to Ba
GFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some o
book of this nature. De
time we were at Bastogn
mid-January:

I was not in t
It blew up on Jan. 5t
closest friends were

Some things I recall
good times rather tha
I also lost the use o
to my left arm and ha
part of some actions

Items 2-3 & 4 of othe

The evening prio
Band area to enjoy an
with Wilber Wetterau,
recall--we decided to
French General's orde
that what ever we dra
I do not remember jus
my barracks and getti
to sleep when we were
I went along with eve
is'. I then rememb
I never had such a dr
would just go along w
out and going by truc
recollection was a li
Sudan that I knew was
I ever had. I do n
off the truck. I re
no windows or doors,
top in both direction
not a dream. To th

Item 6.

I do not recall
land mines. That ni
area as I located Ju
Hahlbohm was. When
the hill where there
We were to dig them
way to bury them--Lt
on top of the ground
snowed that night an
that some tanks trie
them. Coming back
that was very low, m
'Password' --For the
a few other 'blue' w
sides--who ever was
God)

Another inciden
the roof and in the
that was located nex
yard it was on the e
Sgt. Leon Brown aske
As we went out into
outfit to borrow a h
nile--that is when I
we proceeded to take
what he was doing--s
if he had ever defus
way to get this damn
me that Sgts. don't

The following is a
the German Army, dat

This time we are
cannot imagine wha
It looks as if the
Today we evertook
taking a backread
vehicles, then, ju
with 80 Panthers.
side by side, hub
e cercentrated fir
bleedbath, vengear
have the old zip.
must turn red with
is new. The decis
the ocean, the arr
will never get int
ren from enemy dem
If we are to pre
we cannot be too b

Copy of letter ser
of the 501st Parachu
Werner J. Meier of t

Dearest,

Aga
did not come off.
Americans will be
most beautiful and
even more than we
been issued winter
I assure you.

Thi
since coming into
Tomorrow evening t
I expect this atth

The
thoughts I'd like
the children. Darl
on the tree. Litt
her childish eyes
one little present
thinking of me --
wounded. Yes, my
families, among t
worst news that co
year we were sure
were then, and of
reunion.

I h
that I shall be a
have missed.

Ano
eleven now. God kn

De
I can imagine that
come and hold you
Darling.

This letter was wr
believed that the
other documents tu

The followin
ROCKHAMMER, APO 37
This t
You cannot i
oing now. I
portant push
it. We over
to the retre
ever we pul
the endless
hub, filled
fire from 60
gauge for o
old zip. Al
turn red wit
is now. The
into the oce
They will ne
and children
If we
our lives we
struggle....

next place. Chris
dirt floor of an i
German bombers cam
I think it was a
through. We, the w
that there were pl
attack.

Frozen feet and tr
fighting. PFC John
station because he c

When the doctor
me for evacutation
company. 'Machine
the tag. 'We need

Sgt. Paul Bebout,
already started turn
for a respite.

The lieutenant t
did. I saw a few
bothered me a litt
medic was a dentis
had set up). I sp
there for a couple

PFC Donald B Strai
combat experience an
with a bad taste in

The collecting s
town. Inside, the
lying on stretcher
a man named Strait
and every minute o
stealing his jump
wearing his boots
left him and moved
As evening came,
leaving Mourmelon
butter, and jam gi
of hot food smelle
line and worked ou
asked, 'Where are
reply was, 'Sorry,
directing a few ob
drafty hallway whe
gradually fell asl
Early the follow
We think there's o
out a couple of tr

we carried him bac
aid station. I ne
regiment.

In a patrol action
101st Airborne Divis
action that ties in
Glider Field Artille

I don't know whe
enemy patrol came
lenged, then fired
our left rear. Ne
was captured.

The 907th Glider F
support unit for the
togne mission. Auth
patrol that got into
they were in positio

Late in the even
accidentally infil
lost their way in
a small hill and h
Hushed whispers si
artillerymen. Aft
McGlone, who was e
situation, Sgt. Mc
as decoys while PF
up the slope towar
their vision hampe
the enemy patrol a
haste to clear the
parts of their equ
of the hill, they
operating the mach
countersign, 'Mexi
young lieutenant.
German officer was
snow with a large
the patrol were dr
glider infantrymen

As a 1st Battalion
up at a headquarters
first day and night

I was transferre

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[2]Minich, Robert.
Battalion, Hobart, I

According to Capt.
501st Parachute Infa
pool were initially
an area which had ju
Thomas was visited o
him that Service Com
west. Capt. Thomas

During the after
S-4, visited the C
out of Bastogne to
about 8 to 10 mile
trucks and return
new location. I s
1Lt. (Frank) Sheri
were open. Both r
penetration was fr
along the Bastogne
west on a smaller
S-4 had instructed
along this road fo
units blocking the
During the time
Company came to me
the branch about 2
few men and go aft
Flanagan to remain
any time.

After waiting fo
column of vehicles
101st Recon Platoo
that he contact 1C
with a large radio
Division. I conti
column was the 57t
location of the 57
the CP was located
battalion commande
but he stated he h
Bastogne. LTC Pat
knocked out by the
to the southwest.

At dusk, I pulle
house. 1/Sgt John
me and also assist

The 57th FA Bn.
105mm howitzer was

Around 0200-0300
them talking) came
57th FA guard fire
damage as the tank

I immediately we
of the situation.
armored column was
I talked with him
consisted of about
pool.)
At daylight I re
this time the Germ
edge of the woods
taking my men and
out as the roads w
ammunition and the
I then contacted
looked at the map
--no towns, no cro
By this time the
3 to 4 hours. The
followed us. I ne
After arriving i
Infantry Division
Maki was missing.
poste on the roads
These outposts wer
plus some other st
days a 28th Divisi
assisted as my men
About four or fi
informed me that t
28th Division prov
arrival in Bastogn
adjutant, and then

1st
BAS

For a person who
men with whom he s
tions of actions a
the days of fighti
in Bastogne this w

Upon arrival w
even officers kn
ferred with five
who gave this or
and lots of heav
truck in particu
going on up nort
get your asses u
they seemed void
see a town in th
countryside. Whi
There appeared t
tenant ordered u

A replacement fo
Donald J. Woodland
ber 1944. He descr
for combat.

After arriving
ion that no man
meant that all o
so that when the
to watch them mo
I was one of t
left in command
happened to this
might have been
The description
our 501st men. W
blankets that ha
We decided to ge
had no weapons.
some of our peop

Replacement Serg
their team leader

1Lt. Claude Jo
page 499, Map 71
was a stone buil
with the armored
command of the d

According to PFC
ground combat, red

ground, scrounges f
being self-survival
and with the pull-o
the war in reserve
was not to be.' Lut
this way:

> When we arrived
> main street of to
> Just west of Neff
> the ground. Immed
> were ordered to d
> left of the Basto
> fighting and once
> years. Sgt. Georg
> he was badly hit.
> alfter, they took
> I was told Adomit
> he stood up to en
> destruction to ta

PFC Robert W. Smi
the Normandy and Ho
to the sector assig

> When we arrived
> was talk of the G
> outskirts of anot
> engineer outfit t
> Our 'A' Company w
> weapons so our pe
> into the attack.

1Lt. Joseph B. Sc
land operation came
school in England--
training period. He
Bastogne area:

> When we arrived
> At that time Capt
> for the combat pl
> lie down and rest
> everyone welcomed

1Lt. Robert I. Ke
had arrived in Engl
He remembered the e
ation and the lack

We ran into thi
attacking toward
ing why they were
ized and why they
sight. We picked
stayed with us du
being used as art
The attack east
with 'A' Company
the enemy at the
On the evening of
disaster taking p

There wasn't a fe
Jedziniak climbed f
"A" Company as a pl
trucks. His segmen
first three days of

About 20 men fr
Destroyer Battali
different road in
could get warm un
us warm until we
On December 19t
was ordered to pr
Bastogne the unit
a ravine by a via
front!' came back
position beside t
Sampson, a riflem
lying.

Reading from the
received for the ac

On 19 December
Jedziniak learned
was reported beyo
chance of survival
advanced seventy-
wounded man was l
dragged him back
tated crawling. A
Jedziniak continu
temporarily blind
the man to a safe

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[1]From the citatio
the Bastogne operat

Capt. Francis L.
Infantry Regiment h

I attached myse
west of the city.
hundred yards dow
was wounded and h
such circumstance
hand everyplace.)
an aid man to hel
between us and th
machine gun on th
to climb through
had the upper bor
took a dive to th
pointed out with
The medic and I w
down beside the w
He uttered no wor
everything was go
a shake of the he
him back to our p
station. I never
regiment.[1]

Sampson, Chaplain
Association, Sweetwa

T/5 Jedziniak adc
station and field h
(See pages _____ for

Pvt. Michael J. C
punishment from his
time running around
looking for conveni
new unit:

About five mile
started walking s
and soldiers from
We asked the sold
long before we re
it wasn't.

Having arrived in
after being wounded
his assignment as a
Headquarters Compan
the Neffe area:

Very early on t
pre-dawn darkness
progress despite

of several units
direction we were
I hadn't notice
most of the count
1st Battalion, le
fork in the road
Not long after
by chance or desi
behind the forwar
direction of Nefi
in Holland.
Colonel Ewell's
me, at the sounds
Colonel, nor did
composure had a r
his exact words,
'Hold right where
To the left of
running parallel
yards to our fron
of the road, prot
off the road into
to the north. We
front.
There was a gro
left front which
were getting smal
position. Someone
trees. I knew bet
We started up t
and Thornton brin
machine gun. I sa
he said, 'Let's g
faster that we we
weren't fired on
PFC George A. Ric
season and working
move to Bastogne. I
his battalion.
We moved out on
sibility was to r
commanders. It wa
fire at day light
point told me tha
grenade in his ha
emplacement he es
Rismiller in the
The only sleep su
almost a week was t
night to Bastogne.

I believe the l
was leading. I ha
--one guy from Co
The next event
anti-tank guys sh
bounce off the si
On the side of
abandoned. Every
it. They must hav
couple of GI's ca
tank and drove of
'I'll bet Hans is

Pvt. Duane Harvey
assigned to the 101
sent to the S-2 sec
group in the initia

When the 501st
the morning of th
were told to rema
battalion dug pos
managed to pick u
the clip in the r
In the lete aft
of us and took us
Germans were comi
on our way.) Wher
positioned and a
I got a box of lo
to dig in. My mai
reload it.
The Germans did
it was dark and w
GI's had dug in a
327th men.) It wa

The next morni
fire and one of
the lieutenant (
block house.' Fa
from England tog
first time he ca
positions until
village (Senonch
one on the road.
house. A shed ba
killed by the Ge
house while the
positions. When
wall between the
blackout shutter
spilling the sup
was from shell c

shell under the e
crease along the

One of the machir
machine gun platoon
of a lt. colonel fr
end heavy and the t

After one of th
outfit looked at
then the majority
dreaded the thoug
doesn't bother an
with, I don't thi
to him was, 'Thes
them, it is a nor
This was someti
is one of the bes
given by a man of
incident that hap
(Dominick) Mentor
have us surrounde
tone's reply was,

PFC Leo E. Kelley
remembers a scene a

There were lite
other trying to c
hand sticking up
the same area sev
minus his ring fi

PFC John C. Trowt
this recollection i

That night an e
when Rasmussen ch
artillery which w
enemy and heard t

Battery "B" of th
direct support of t
the same situation

Late on the eve
men accidentally
tly lost their wa
slope of a small
position. Hushed
line of waiting a
sation with Capt.
of the developing
to work. They act
drove the patrol

crews on outpost
men in pursuit co
back in the oppos
right their cours
as they moved alo
received a challe
the machine-gun.
sign, 'Mexican Pe
lieutenant. The f
German officer wa
the snow with a l
remaining members
327th and capture

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[1]Minick, Robert.
lery Battalion in W

Fighting around t
from different unit
was "B" Company's t
this recollection:

On or about the
northeast of Bast
dug holes with tw
their biggest and
personnel mines a
stopped on the gr
machine gun for t
me rags to keep f
the other gun. Wh
stopped so much a
proud but very ti

When the 1st Batt
Duane Harvey had m
as part of the S-2

When the 501st
Bn. S-2 Section
another trooper.
railroad tracks.
could find. The
next day they fo
the flats and dr
personal jeep fo
(I have included so
ion men in the hope
exec officer for "A
Jones' second in co
--am hoping that co
stories of mortarme
bridge and Seth O.

Pvt Michael

"I was at Camp M
HQ of the 501st PI
out of camp and in
wine.' In time my
in a line company.
minds to transfer
"I did not know
the Bulge battle b
war and hand grena
Outside of Bastone
sterted walking si
soldiers from othe
asked the soldiers
before we reach th
wasn't.
"The first troop
He and I became a
much younger than
in a winning way.
about dawn. The Ge
and completely sat
that is why I reme
Billy Conn.
"Me and Billy we
in on us. Billy wa
he was hit and the
We were lying in a
medics but never s
rifle. I'm only so
them know how he d
to me. KIA - Pvt.
"After a few day
name was Edgar L.
became good friend
"One day we were
tree branches and
and said they want

front of our foxhol
snow, they put the
blend with the snow
in the snow. The Ge
the shell hit, it m
ing in the hole. Me
regrouped in anothe

"Phillips and I w
went on outpost dut
about fifty yards t
right going in the
out of the outpost
They had the machin
them towards their
day. They were spra
the blood hitting t

"We captured abou
machine gun and tol
into town we crosse
man who had been de
stockade and was re
shelling and bombin
Company so I joined
stayed with them to

Hello
I
sure
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with
so I st
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A lea
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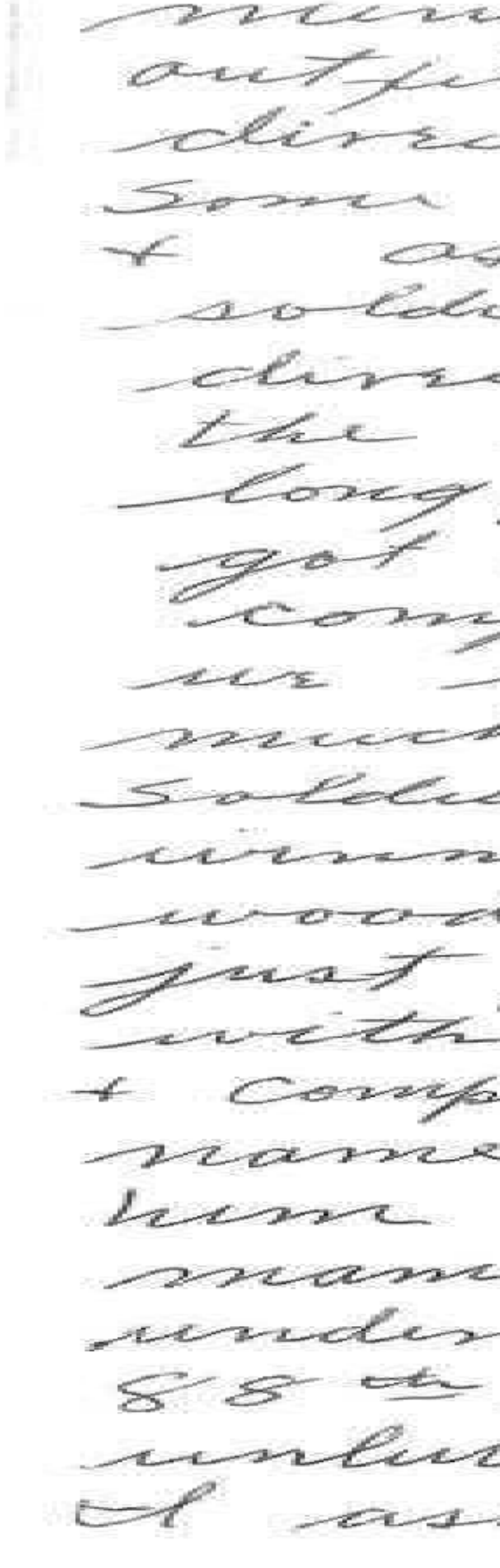

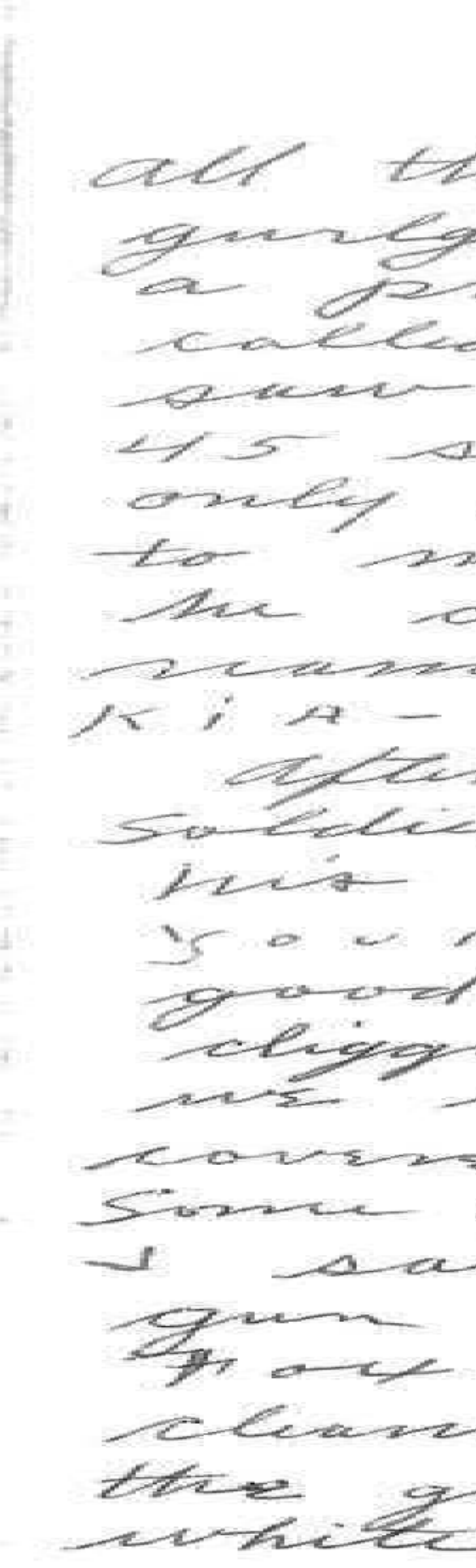

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town
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a- S
regu
with
of ca
in
JUNE
I joined the
ENGLAND on Fe
D-DAY 501

Since
Ryan

T/5 Leon J

T/5 Leon Jedzinia
this recollection o
truck: "Not knowing
I had just joined t
Battalion before we

"About 20 men fro
705th TD I believe"
moved around Bastog
many holes and neve
from the motor kept
the group.

"On December 19th
ordered to proceed
the unit was pinned
a viaduct that had
I learned a wounded
tracks about 75 yar
advanced to where t

Reading from the
received for the ac

> On 19 December
> Leon Jedziniak) l
> who was reported
> slight chance of
> Chaplain advanced
> where the wounded
> they dragged him
> necessitated craw
> Technician 5th Gr
> into his eyes, te
> ed in bringing th

"This man was eva
Jedziniak. That hos
Sampson at this poi

In an action whic
adds to his narrati
hole in the woods.
call 'Medic' came u
yards from the foxh
knocked me down. I

The action is co
Oak Leaf Cluster t
On ll January
was holding an o
intense mortar c
ties. Realizing
Jedziniak moved
aid to the wound
wounds under fir
had been cared f
T/5 Jedziniak ad
trooper told me th
in a few minutes e

DEC 19-44 ARR
ORDER TO PROCEE
OUT SIDE OF BASTO
MACHINE GUN FIR
VIADUCT MET WHE
I LEARNED A WOUN
BOSIDE RR. TRUCKS
RIFLEMAN & MYSELF

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HOSP. THAT WAS OV
MISSIONED BY THE

CITATI

Technician
Medical Detachment,
Army of the United S
service in action.
Bastogne, Belgium, h
posed position, whic
the man might have e
Grade Jedzinlak and
der sniper and tank
Finding the wounded
the face of very hea
Although one bullet
Grade Jedzinlak cont
eyes, temporarily bl
in bringing the man
ated. His actions w
of the military serv
Connecticut.

Thu. 11-4-57

Eddie Kelley
in the woods the ca
BARRAGE the cattl
& Dirt covered Burke
got to the top of the
got to Diego got

I returned to
that Ed. Kelley
was in a few min

CITATION FOR TH

Technic
Medical Detachment, P
Army of the United St
service in action. O
Bastogne, Belgium, hi
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the position, inflict
of leaving his covere
moved immediately int
to the wounded man.
wounds under fire, he
all had been cared fo
tion to duty exemplif
service. Entered mil

Recalling his dep
wrote: "I don't thi
were to be there fo
They kept telling u
take Antwerp.

"When we were lea
Captain (Stanfield)
prayer for those we
person.

Recalling the exp
seems that the adva
up the camp for us
of people upset and
reception. They all

"I seem to rememb
I think I slept mos
When we arrived the
talk of the Germans
our arrival in Bast
part of the town an
roadblock some thre
in support. We were
give our heavy weap
they ever made it t
'C' Companies if an

"I'm not sure abo
second night we wer
28th Division, who
side on the outskir
that a large German
fire fight took pla
the Americans and G
time during the nex
with units that wer

While we were get
was hit in the arm.
battalion aid stati

"We had gone down
next clearing and i
large German force
thing to do but spr
ing. When they got
no doubt, got them
of fire but I think
had more heavy weap
aid man usually pla
platoon.

"Ed Posnek came
it was dark it was
there might possibl
fortunately there
back over the rail
along the side of
he could be seen a
him up. Ed was a p
see if there were
was a damn good th
Bill there I could
ordered back up th
another trooper an
down when we heard
coats and Camel ci

stuff in the form
when another troop
him and sent him t
told Lt. (Jim) Mur
dug a couple of sh
my head, caught a
aid station to see
lowed me part way
I did not come bac
man. The battalion
to the next place.
ing on the dirt fl
cleared so the Ger
"I think it was
through. We the wo
that there were pl
attack. They kept
England."

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Name and Rank ROBERT Wa

Current Address 100 McALIS

Unit of 101st (Company/Bat

Circle campaigns in which

1. Reflections as you left
We went straight and fought

2. Anything of special int
departure for Bastogne:

3. What do you remember of

4. Did the chaos in and ar
men around you?

5. Who was your company/ba
Plat
relied on in tough situ

6. Your most memorable act
unknown):

7. There were several othe
you cite instances in w
your efforts:

8. It may help you to revi
Eight Days; D-Day to Ba
GFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some o
book of this nature. De
time we were at Bastogn
mid-January:

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I dor
leaving Holland si
eight days and did
-- t telling us -e
British would take
-- -
would change our p
The farm house tha
an apple orchard i
ing just as it tur
field beyond the o
never did understa
to get rid of some
interesting their n
One o
the British were t
damn much noise wi
another concern wa
flooding us out of
Holland because of
in effect for seve
water got knee dig
to a cert in locat
if we did not mak
man for himself.
but I read somewhe
after we left. I
that we would find
our boots dried.
When
out of our artille
a few minutes and
ie always seemed t

Maurmelon

It se
was sent down to
for us raised a l
a lot of people u
not get a very wa
warm up to us lat
I see
trip from Maurmel
most of the way,
it took. When we
skirts of Bastoyn
being very close.
at our arrival in
the outskirts of
told there was an
block some 3 mile
to be held in sup
weapons so our pa
to those going in
they ever made it
someone from B co
I'm n
like either the f
two soldiers from
had been retreati
on the outskirts
Sometime after th
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Americans and Ger
our lines. Somet
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strung around the

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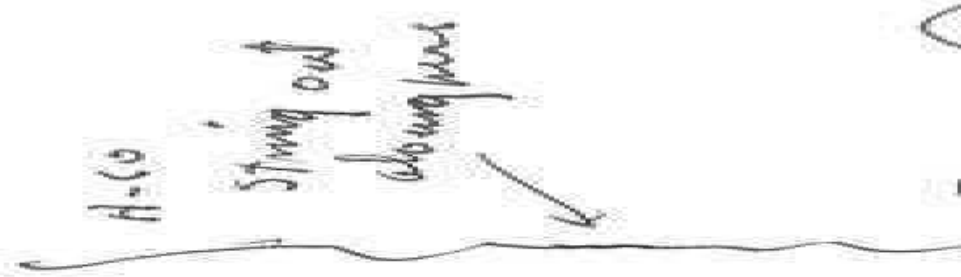
him and headed hi



we ha
ed. Gullick went
wooded area ahead
German force read
was only one thin
to come across th
Our men started f
them completely b
exchange of fire
vantage over us b
than we had. In
man usually place
center of the pla

Ed. I
the upper part of
bit difficult to
there might possi
in and come out b
one. Firing star
over the railroad
placed him along
piece of bandage
picked up. Found
him up. Ed was a
I started back do
wounded and I ran
damn good thing a
If I had not met
been killed or ca
the hill almost w
with another troo
hole, we were not
trickle, it was a
coats and camel c
people got some h
down to where the
was apparent when
withdrawn about t
also got some hea
was only there a
trooper came to m
dressing on him a
station. I went
where I would be
dug a couple of s
a tree burst over
in the butt, star

if they could get
way up the hill a
case I did not co
in action. He wa
station could not
the next place.
wounded sleeping
range, the weathe
came over and gav
I thi
when the 3rd. arm
evacuated out so
were places where
the attack. They
in a hospital in

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Name and Rank PFC John C. Tro

Current Address 76 E. Hwy. 6

unit of 101st (Company/Battle

Circle campaigns in which yo

1. Reflections as you left B

2. Anything of special inter
departure for Bastogne: _

3. What do you remember of y

4. Did the chaos in and arou
men around you? _

5. Who was your company/bat
LT GEO. MERN Platoo
relied on in tough situat
PVT. DAVID THORNTO

6. Your most memorable actio
unknown): _

7. There were several other
you cite instances in whi
your efforts: _

8. It may help you to revie
Eight Days; D-Day to Bast
GFA History) to refresh m
wrote home about some of
book of this nature. Desc
time we were at Bastogne
mid-January: ONE OF
DISCOVERY OF A WINE CE
WEBB + THORNTON + HEAD
DRIVER GAVE US A LIFT TO
AND TRIED TO TURN US BAC
GO AND "ORDERED" US T
GOT TWO CASES + LUGGED
BLACK EYE. HE HAD RESU
GOT HIS JEEP LOADED,
US AND OUR WINE BAC
HAD SERVED ITS INTEND
THE BASTOGNE

My departure fro
taken a bullet in my
night attack on Schi
I spent the bett
recuperating in an En
returned to Hempstead
I boarded a C-47, alo
recovered from their
It was on this flight
Johnson's death. I w
friends in Normandy a
without the Colonel?
I greeted my old
when one by one they
turned to sorrow. On
me with a beautiful P
Bastonge with me and
My turn for a pa
till the following we
Instead of spending m
My company, HDQ.
Captain Harry Howard,
George Murn, the assi
Watson. Staff Sgt. P
McDonald was section
my squad leader. The
P.F.C. William Webb

these men that I ente

Very early on th

through the predawn d

town. We made good p

by the disorganized w

faced the enemy onsla

heading.

I hadn't noticed

town, but most of the

that's why our entire

Platoon, veered to th

toward Marvie.

Not long after b

Road, whether by chan

about 100 yards or so

to receive fire from

hostility I had met s

Colonel Ewell's

front of me, at the s

that near to the Colo

voice before. His ca

effect on those near

as he spoke on his ra

right where you are".

To the left of t

a ridge, running para

direction and about 3

into a cove on the le
east and north by the
this cove and set up
north. We were told
front.

There was a grov
to our left front whi
but we were getting s
shelling on our posit
there to clear out th
that it would be our

We started up th
right, Webb and Thorn
opened up with a mach
between Rasmussen's f
out 'a here!" We slid
I guess we scared the
that day. I don't kn
but that night an ene
position when Rasmuss
50 caliber from artil
morning we found one
captured.

On the 20th, we
off and on, which mos
remained relatively g
gunners, we did our s

snow, fog, bitter col
better than most.

One foggy night
on the gun: Rasmusse
trying to keep him qu
squad with a scout on
about 150 yds. to our
Fred had horse-traded
was holding while he
Fred awake and pointe
scout; I'll get the o

We opened up tog
closed in again. He
night. The next morn
small clump of trees
left still standing
night before.

Some days later
Bastogne to rest and
security for some arm
was interesting for u
out to the front to s
they returned, we'd a
would usually be some
Dug in enemy tank".
M.M.s which looked li

We took over pre

holes and deep slit t
were better for sleep
front lines, until on
bombing and strafing.
watching the anti-air
bomb exploded a few y
were being strafed un
M.M.s had exploded in

Things remained
to the lines. Then t
with a large dark spo
was considered a liab

One of our patro
selected to go out an
Rasmussen said there
barely walk and certa
to the aid station.

When the doctor
Foot and tagged me fo
asked my position in
replied. "Sorry", he
the fire power on the

I hobbled back t
seemed to care too mu
That night, every big
Happy New Year!

On the afternoon

confirmed when we wer
sore foot and all.

The lowly P.F.C.
situation and rarely
and who's on his left
enemy's position and

My understanding
relieve Third Battali
night before the atta
they could get. Third
Then First ~~Bat~~ RTN. would
reserve.

The attack never
The only action I saw
half track and a jeep
dry runs down the slo
up again.

That night, Janu
outpost a bridge wher
railroad, which ran n

At this point, t
actual terrain. We w
came down to the lip
trees planted in stra
corn. The branches o
snow, that they nearl
beneath. This muffle

that one never knew w

We set up the gu

bridge, with a field

another woods, more o

we couldn't see the r

Foy. We could cover i

We arranged for

watch, while the othe

with one blanket and

Without a doubt, this

desperate situation,

this time.

We only had thre

here, that a few days

Thompson for a M1 ri

mistake. That very n

in the German casualt

Sometime during

were on watch, an ene

tracks to a point di

to fire without the c

dropped the three gre

out there and help.

their grenades and ma

disappeared into the

might have done.

The next day, a

long awaited attack b
tracks and immediatel

We waited and wa
we decided it was hig

We had gotten ab
clearing at the edge
exploding all around
a shallow slit trench
the trench with my ba
immediately hit, with
hot shrapnel, all alo
foot. Most larger pi
Thornton yell "Medic"
woods. I thought at
learned later that he
same burst. Rasmusse

I knew my war wa
too, in just a matter
on the Second Battali
out position untenabl

I asked Webb to
him and Rasmussen to

In the meantime,
and began to fire on
in the direction we h
five hundred yards.

He sent them scu

jammed. He kept worki

My back was towar
but I knew that 60 yar
grove of trees that bo
northeasterly directio

Since I couldn't
I don't know exactly w
armored unit had been
with the sounds of bat
particular sound.

A captain and an
vehicles ran to our po
Captain lost in those
joined us. At the sam
hang on while he and W
found out that the gun
that all hands should
with little concern fo

Shortly after tha
bridge and stopped 40
them spotted me, raise
at my face. The bull
showering splinters in
already, I don't know
four of them made thei

Five minutes late
of the woods, not ten

out and ran hell bent
that the enemy was mo
yards behind me.

I felt I had see
I heard the crunch of
one good eye, saw a
machine pistol, point
I wasn't prepared, no
to hear the jeep crar
away.

In the meantime,
position to an evacua
The afternoon was rap

I could never ac
of that team, but I k
thanking God. I thar
my country among the
men one could ever kn

Someone wrote the
that of an animal w
to stay alive. His
land I felt that ap
I could sit out the
an animal again. bu

"When we finally
wet main street of
Just west of Defie
ground. Immediately
ordered to dig in w
Bastogne - Longvill
one incident in par
Admitis jumped out
couple of the troop
him away. Later I l
Admitis' mind had
end it all. This wa
take place in the n

George - Obvi
but the initial co
plus the incident
clear. I have enh
course, you can pr
some help to you.

Someone wrote
duces a man to tha
scrounges for food
cern being self-su
applied to me and
could sit out the
to live like an an

I recall as w
we were woefully u
had no rations, no
M-1 ammunition. M
not worse. As the
were concerned abo
tently for the Luf
The long ride was

When we final
marched down the w
the first sign of
challenged by mach
ately a fire fight
ordered to dig in
the left of the Ba
ties in the fighti
me all these years
foxhole screaming
knocked him down a
Later I learned th
start of the killi
next six weeks.

* George - Late
all the combat it
I can't verify thi
shared a foxhole.
but he never respo

As a replacement
gled to get out of
move. We were tired
Recalling key pe
was the C.O; his pl
closest buddies wer
"On or about the
east of Pastogne un
holes with two .30
biggest and last co
mines and anti-tank
hid,e and that's w
end we kept them th
three hours. The gu
ing my hands. Don't
were put in for the
couldn't believe th
held them back. We
(We went back 35
not find the trestl

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Name and Rank Pvt James
Current Address 204 Red
Unit of 101st (Company/Batt
Circle campaigns in which y

1. Reflections as you left
Shot off, always on 7
Forward' To R & R

2. Anything of special inte
departure for Bastogne:

3. What do you remember of
Laugh ride in back
headed

4. Did the chaos in and aro
men around you? didn't
organised as acc

5. Who was your company/bat
Plato
relied on in tough situa

6. Your most memorable acti
unknown): Jan 2nd

7. There were several other
you cite instances in wh
your efforts: dont r

8. It may help you to revie
Eight Days; D-Day to Bas
GFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some of
book of this nature. Des
time we were at Bastogne
mid-January:

The night of Jan
& Bastogne. Between
a day later
Krauts first up the
the first German
that's where we
grade and we
Not enough
my right. I
yeh. Three of
Don't never
believe that
infantry. We
were very
We left
railroad track

(like thought
but now not
We are
in Washington

As was the case
away from Mourmelo
similar experience

My company com
were alerted for
took over as com
got our equipmen

Upon arrival in t
recalls this actio

It was a long e
breakfast, slept
to contact the en
machine gun secti
the automatic wea
closer than we
behind 'B' Compan
recon jeeps passe
front of us. One
rifle companies
were set up and
road where road m

I do remember t
reminded me of a

Capt. Howard jo
was very unhappy

Dear George —

Sorry I saw t
physician in Lau
last Dec. 1st left
have spent a lot
farm and helping m
I read the mate
early days at Beat
my Co. commande
alerts for our mor
Co. commander, an
equipment issued
much about the
assembly area outsi
couple of hours a
called the enemy
sectors were attac
with main weapon
we expected. our Co
long after the enem
passed through an
of us. one was dest
rifle companies w
position — mortar
command post wi
had been guarded
I do remember th
and reminded me
Capt. Howard jo
army — he was ver
part of the operati
George if I can
know — God b

Pvt. Carl

As a replacement t
ression of the trip

I always remembe
as a young naive k
remember passing a
pictures of what I
happened before ar

Pvt. Carl R. Ander
of RWD stating the m
were marching out of
19th. Strangely, mer
troops in that pictu
their own. Carl Ande

I have enclosed
people and a brief
est because I've a
501st who was done
understood that at
Germans had overru
from the 1st Batta
and as a result we
to have been the b
matters.)

Wayne A. Callowa
married a high sch
jumped with the le
does not have a ri
while at Mourmelon
was given a bazook
to them--it was no
to leave their ext
night upon arrival
Germans at Neffe i
Calloway jogged to
replacement, Cpl.
peared into the fo
New Year's word ca
front at Neffe tha
near Neffe. They b
backs and their bo
hands tied and the

It would seem th
action casualties

As related by many
many of the men went
coats or overshoes.
rifleless men of his

Dear George,

With reference t
the following informati
the photograph on page
enclosed a copy of the
brief blurb on them.
he was one of the first
this is incorrect,
were approaching Neffe
the night. A few peopl
still there, watching m
killed. One of them, a
S-1 officer (the office

In Holland I got
He insisted that it was
that the Germans would
killing him and the oth
back of the photo sheet
went about 50 to 100 fe
other things began to h

I always remembe
as a young naive kid.
passing a couple of
of what I saw and expe
before and after have d

Keep up the

S/Sgt Clive

"When the alert c
we had received any
Bob Phillips and 1/
disposal and we mus
Cpl. Hutton was on
we were fortunate
"The only sleep I
on the way to Basto
"I believe the la
leading. I had to g
guy from Company 'B
"The next event I
tank guys shooting
the side of the tan
"On the side of a
abandoned. Every no
They must have fire
GI's came along wit
drove off to loud c
Hans is kicking Fri
"Another event I r
men with me after t
was 'white as a she
operated on for hem
and filled it with
water for a while.
because the aid sta
"The last event I
to push out of town
for a supply truck
a battle and many b
foxhole behind a tr
his helmet and head
shrapnel started fl
got me to a jeep an

Hi George

Sorry I'm so
between company
recollections of
search for food, a
When the alert
I don't recall tha
items that had
Buckridge said
disposal and we
ASAP. My assis
but PFC Henry
fortunate that m
The only sleep
was in the tru
I believe the
was leading.
Co B. One guy
The next eve
watching some
tanks and wat
the tanks. I
On the side
GI truck hav
some jerry
must have fir
duds, a couple
the truck and
of our guys sa

another event of n
(he was one of the m
back from the bid s
painting. We found
hemroids and
and filled it with
sit in the warm w
it may have saw
blood up later.
the last event of re
to push out of bo
words to look f
to be there. There
bodies were st
foxhole behind a
straight down t
bombs started f
started flying b
cpl Sutton got m
war for me.

P.S. I have a book
I picked it up i
interesting has se
wich I am sure
out.

PFC Seth O. Berry
Markham's machine g
Howard, Lt. Markham
platoon sergeant an
PFC Seth O. Berry
destroyer unit when
surrounded:

> After one of th
> outfit looked at
> than the majority
> dreaded the thoug
> doesn't bother an
> I don't think tha
> was, 'These men a
> it is a normal si
> I think back on t
> compliments that
> another unit who
> happened when the
> him and said, 'Si
> The Colonel repli
> bastards!'

Mail call is alwa
after a unit has be
of time. Sometimes
a piece of mail.

> When Patton bro
> letter from my wi
> with a man who wa
> marriage. Two day
> a divorce from he
> quarters. I let C
> him that if I was
> insurance. We wen
> effect. He told m
> of this to my mot
> but he didn't bel
> let her have it.
> We were supposed
> looked at me and
> I looked at him a
> to commit suicide
> 'No, I don't thin
> with us.'

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Current Address 40341 Shelby-

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Circle campaigns in which yo

1. Reflections as you left H
next mission would be. Also
That was the last time we w

2. Anything of special inter
departure for Bastogne: _

3. What do you remember of y
to break into the supply roo
plus the mass confusion of u

4. Did the chaos in and arou
men around you? I don't r
griping and everyone asking

5. Who was your company/batt
Platoo
relied on in tough situat

6. Your most memorable actio
unknown): After one of the

7. There were several other
you cite instances in whi
your efforts: None

8. It may help you to revie
Eight Days; D-Day to Bast
GFA History) to refresh m
wrote home about some of
book of this nature. Desc
time we were at Bastogne
mid-January: None

unit) looked at me and sa
majority of these men. W
of my unit being cut off,
I had to pick a unit to b
a better one." My reply
as this, so to them, it i
Day. As I think back of
ments that a unit can rec
was there. It brings to
were surrounded. Menton
surrounded again?" The C
poor bastards."

When Patton broke through
my wife's aunt to the eff
married and had four chil
received a letter from he
and went back to the Comp
letters. I also told him
receive my insurance. We
effect. He told me that
my mother in case she tri
there was a court in the
and I went back to Compan
the following morning. H
1st Sgt. I looked at him
to commit suicide, you ar
don't think so, but I wor

I have an article from th
a copy of the pamphlet fo
will send them to you.

You are right, I am retir
Division, 101st a second
23 when we jumped into No

Pvt. Roy L. Biffl
and made all the re
"As we pulled out
and then on to Mour
still correspond wi
"While at Mourmel
all over the countr
to eat and drink or
Pvt. Roy Biffle r
and started down th
confusion everywher
"We were spread s
positions every few
outfit I saw other
was on outpost and

We made contact
and wounded sever
I dug in on the r
he had been hit i
Sgt. Wiltgen was
place in 1976. Th
on it. We were pu
2nd Platoons stay
down to Jim Jacob
gun fire all the
of us was hit, ju
let the two lead
ing their retreat

Biffle goes on to
River where Sgt. Jo
prisoners. Lost fiv
marching prisoners
ing his fellow Germ
few days.

Ind

Name and Rank Pvt. Roy L.

Current Address Box 638

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Circle campaigns in which

1. Reflections as you left

2. Anything of special int
departure for Bastogne:

3. What do you remember of

4. Did the chaos in and a
men around you?

5. Who was your company/ba
Lt. Ferguson Plat
relied on in tough situ

6. Your most memorable act
unknown):

7. There were several othe
you cite instances in w
your efforts:

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Eight Days; D-Day to Ba
GFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some o
book of this nature. De
time we were at Bastogn
mid-January:

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Name and Rank S/Sgt Willia

Current Address 1049 Easty

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1. Reflections as you left

2. Anything of special int
departure for Bastogne:

3. What do you remember of

4. Did the chaos in and ar
men around you?

5. Who was your company/ba
relied on in tough situ

6. Your most memorable act
unknown):

7. There were several othe
you cite instances in w
your efforts: George: I
information about Ho
did not see any furth
connected with the ou

8. It may help you to revi
Eight Days; D-Day to Ba
GFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some o
book of this nature. De
time we were at Bastogn
mid-January: which I a
attended the reunion
to LaCross, Wi. this
George there
Fort Harrison Ind and
on all the way throug
Ga. This was their f
They are Paul E. Bebo
Alderman, 8852 N. Rob
nearby and have remai
to supply you with p
I can't help you any
I feel they will be a
treasure among my co
George how
known

Sgt. Harol

Sgt. Harold L. Paul
sadness for all the
"A wild two days i
and Notre Dame with
"Oh Lordy! It was
There wasn't any c
a seasoned group of
and Holland behind t
arrival east of Bast
moved out and met th
Recalling an insta
L. Paulson wrote: "I
said he was rationed
Recalling an insta
leadership of a plat
I remember about
Company's 1st Plat
take a patrol to t
to go with him. A
of S/Sgt Peschka b
Gene Madison, Amos
one shell will wip
looked at us and w
we ain't gonna liv
A few days later
there were only ei
days. That sobere
burst got me. It
months in the hosp

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RANK IN BASTOGNE 2

Name and Rank SGT. HAROLD

Current Address 3709 Mills

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Circle campaigns in which y

1. Reflections as you left
THEIR NICE COUNTR
~~WAS KILLING~~

2. Anything of special inte
departure for Bastogne:
EIFFEL TOWER, A
WITH NAPOLEON'S T

3. What do you remember of
WAS THAT EVER H
END IT STARTED

4. Did the chaos in and aro
men around you? LT Sch
NEUMEYER & HOL
GATHERED THEM

5. Who was your company/bat
Plato
relied on in tough situa
LEADERS) SGT PESC

6. Your most memorable acti
unknown): 1ST DAY GET

7. There were several other
you cite instances in wh
your efforts: I TALK
AND HE SAID HE
HEARD DER DAY

8. It may help you to revie
Eight Days; D-Day to Bas
GFA History) to refresh
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book of this nature. Des
time we were at Bastogne
mid-January: I REM
THERE SGT GERA
SQUAD LEADERS
PATROL TO THE
MAN FROM
20 MIN. TO SEARCH
SGT PESCHKE
LONNIE CREWS,
PESCHKE SAID
EVERY NOW - C
LOOKED AT US
FACE SAID AW
FOREVER DON'T W
A FEW D
TALKING AND
ONLY 8 OF
THE OLD
UP IN A HARR
BURST GOT ME

SADNESS FOR ALL THE BRITISH PARATROOPERS WHO DIED AT ARNHEM

spent the next

Pvt. Carl

As a replacement to
ression of the trip t

I always remembe
as a young naive k
remember passing a
pictures of what I
happened before an

Pvt. Carl R. Ander
of RWD stating the m
were marching out of
19th. Strengely, men
troops in that pictu
their own. Carl Ande

I have enclosed
people and a brief
est because I've a
501st who was done
understood that ab
Germans had overru
from the 1st Batta
and as a result we
to have been the b
matters.)

Wayne A. Calloway
married a high sch
jumped with the 1s
does not have a ri
while at Mourmelon
was given a bazook
to them--it was no
to leave their ext
night upon arrival
Germans at Neffe i
Calloway jogged to
replecement, Cpl.
peared into the fo
New Year's word ca
front at Neffe tha
near Neffe. They b
becke and their bo
hands tied and the

It would seem th
action casualties

As related by many
many of the men went
coats or overshoes.
rifleless men of his

Pvt. Duane K.

While others des
togne, Duane K. Ha
Bastogne. When I l
boots, cotton summ
shirt and trousers
jacket, scarf (woo
the little wool ca
Mourmelon from Als
(which I still hav
Slept warm at nigh
sling it over my s

When the 501st w
Bn. S-2 Section we
another trooper).
road tracks. After
find. The jeep was
they found some wh
and drove the jeep
for the rest of th

In Alsace we wou
see a movie show p
west of Hagenau wa
observation. The j
reached the straig
and we would go--w
brights were turne
sane persons.(Was
it was, we thought

Bastogne, The Fi
Journal Press, Was

In the early h
going forward as
night was clear
Infantry first h
came toward them
numbered. Too, t
familiar with th
not carry themse
entered the Amer
327th and the 5-
in 100 yards of
within 200 yards
Four different
they had seen ei
simply because
without provokin
casually this gi
whether any near
had done so. Whe
learned. The vis
Bastogne.

Sgt. Donald J.
Regiment feels he
he was one of many
the troops detruck

I was one of t
left in command
happened to this
the mysterious
corresponds with
was that there
in front of the
at night. We wer
the blankets, w

After further r
left behind, Sgt.
memories:

Our group had
sleep'in it that
approximately se
covered with tre
with earth. The
and fox hole was
at the entrance
Then I remembe
Division had be

jettisoned from
Wiltz. We had to
a squad of men t
midnight, we got
and after a litt
generally withou
Our improvised
shallow depressi
among the men. I
as a bottom shee

Report of PFC Ed Hallo

Thurs Oct 17, 1991:

B Company was on the righ
morning of Dec. 19th. Ou
up along a railroad track
of trees (as indicated in
higher level of ground. T

The 3rd platoon was on
right.and started marchin
could hear voices and it
could hear voices in the
everybody grabbed a tree
ouder, Sgt. Chamberlain w
we only had one squad tha
over to the other side an
ran back. The rest of the
were in was on the left s
over the railroad track a
me, I always considered h
the end of his carbine. B
signal was. Just pass the

It was getting dark fas
spotted the Germans comin
their sweet time in sprea
hards in front of us and
grenade at this German an
tree. Lt. Mier and he was
MG section aim down and c
between us and the enemy.
We all had a target. We j
to see what would happen.

By this time it was get
'We're going to pull back
MG section and stay as lo
'OKay.' The company had m
a lot of noise and it was
'we'd better try to get o
left flank and set up a m
dark that we held hands w
rows of trees. We ran thr
you really can't run very
compajy behind us. We st
up again to see what the
I don't think the company
the left than they were o
in the night before and we
They were more or less to
and I was cloer to the RR
been the night before, th
'enemy in sight' signal a
side knew we were moving
so I quickly took aim and
killed him or not. The sa
as hard as I could over t
other side of he rr trac
quite a while. We finall

When quarried about an ac
infantry north of Marvie,
I don't know where that w
were coming through the l
Asked if he could see a
one house I can remember-
big holes--there was a bu
was drop down and seek sh
Asked about the railroa
really got slaughtered an
Co had really got into it

1Lt. Joseph

1Lt. Joseph B. Sch
Infantry Regiment a
He had just finished
qualifying jumps in
"When we arrived
said 1Lt. Joseph B.
went to the Battalio
and orders. In the
the captain returned
chance to lie down
There had been a
Schweiker remembered
Stech as company co
were 1Lt. 'Honk' He
NCO's were a Sgt. (Pa
lick and others I d
"On December 20,
1st Battalion," wro
called from reserve
the 506th Regiment
Battalion on our ri
to another, with th
to our front and co
fire right began. A
It appeared that Ge
ball ammo 2 to 3 fe
right in the neck o
somewhat different
to a 1000, with the
Lt. Honk had
protect our left fl
and we were at a st
directed me to hold
lion by radio, he h
our situation. Capt
radioed me and stat
where we came from.

our left flank, acro
felt the same way. I
our right. Since we
decided to pull back
around us on our le
ground. We had the m
men protecting them
well, and we dug in
The following morn
night before. Then
our right. We fought
the 506th and then
Kraut and the fight
bodies all over the
tied in with the 506
town and in reserve.
RWP on pages 461-46
In a later action
cer Lt. Joe Schweik
Company moved up to
When we arrived, we
ground as directed.
M-1 rifle in the do
Stech and Col. Harpe
overlooking the town
around the farm hous
the house, there wa
fearing the return
mes Day and some in
through our defense
were unsuccessful."
In actions taking
this recollection:
ankle wound and thr
replacement command
he was killed in ac

(Edgar) Kelley, one
was showing me pictu
by a direct hit on t
Sims took over the c
were fighting in eli
'the hole in the dor

INDI

Name and Rank Joseph B Sch

Current Address 14201 Rega

Unit of 101st (Company/Bat

Circle campaigns in which y

1. Reflections as you left
as the Holland ope
1st Battalion, 501

2. Anything of special inte
departure for Bastogne:
The School was closing
training, and did

3. What do you remember of
See Attachment, # 3

4. Did the chaos in and arc
men around you? See At

5. Who was your company/bat
Plato
relied on in tough situa

6. Your most memorable acti
unknown): See Attachmen

7. There were several other
you cite instances in wh
your efforts: See Atta

8. It may help you to revie
Eight Days; D-Day to Bas
GFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some of
book of this nature. Des
time we were at Bastogne
mid-January:

PFC John C.

PFC John C. Trowbr
ambulance, having te
night attack on Schi

"I spent the bette
English hospital aft
little over a week l
troopers who had rec
Holland. It was on t
Johnson's death. I w
mandy and Holland, b

"I greeted my old
one they listed the
machine gunner, Osce
I didn't take it to
it.

"My turn for a pas
following week, in c
my weekend in Paris,

"My company, HDQ,
Howard, the Machine
toon leader was 2Lt
sergeant; Sgt Andrew
was my squad leader.
Webb and Pvt. David
togne.

"Very early on the
dawn darkness in an
despite the confusio
units which had face
heading.

"I hadn't noticed
of the countryside w
Battalion, led by th
the road and headed

"Not long after be
chance or design, ou

the forward element
Neffe. The first ho
"Colonel Ewell's
me, at the sounds o
Colonel, nor did I
composure had a rea
his exact words, as
'Hold right where y
"To the left of t
running parallel to
yards to our front
the road, protected
the road into this
north. We were told
"There was a grov
front which we assu
small arms fire and
ordered a machine g
McDonald yelled tha
"We started up th
and Thornton bringi
gun. I saw the dirt
'Let's get the hell
went up. I guess we
that day.) I don't k
night an enemy patr
sen challenged, the
which was to our le
that one was captur
"On the 20th, we
mostly fell just to
several days. Being
except for the snow
better than most.
"One foggy night
Rasmussen was snori

when out of the fog
front, coming at us
earlier, Fred had h
was holding while h
pointed at the patr

"We opened up tog
He never snored aga
fog lifted, we saw
on the left, still
before.

"Some days later
rest and hold secon
artillery and tank
troyer crank up and
line. When they ret
would usually be so
enemy tank!' These
like they were 20 f

"We took over pre
slit trenches, some
We felt safer here
'Jerry' came over b
watching the anti-a
exploded a few yard
until daylight, whe
snow all around us.

"Things remained
Then the ball of my
situation soon deve

"One of our patro
out and fire suppor
way I could go beca
He told me to repor

"When the doctor
tagged me for evacu
the company. 'Machi
the tag. 'We need t

"I hobbled back t
care too much. But
gun in Bastogne ble
"On the afternoon
when we were told w
"The lowly P.F.C.
rarely is he certai
flanks. Seldom does
on this day.
"My understanding
lion on the line in
day, after what lit
through our lines.
regimental reserve.
"The attack never
I saw that day, but
mounted anti-aircra
railroad tracks, th
"That night, Janu
where the Foy-Bizor
Bastogne.
"At this point, t
rain. We were at th
the cut. The woods
a farmer would plan
down with snow, tha
This muffled the so
was firing at who.
"We set up the gu
field of fire direc
than the one to our
approached the brid
"We arranged for
other two tried to
overcoat in a nearb
ful, the most despe
to this time.

"We had only three
few days before. Ras
That turned out to b
a big difference in
Sometime during th
an enemy patrol made
the gun. It was impo
selves. They dropped
out there and help.
and machine pistols.
what that Thompson m
"The next day, aro
attack began as the
under fire.
"We waited and wai
was high time to get
"We had gotten abo
edge of the woods, w
into the woods, I sa
landed in the trench
hit, with what seeme
my left exposed side
chest cavity. I hear
the woods. I thought
that he had taken a
Webb were unhurt.
"I knew my war was
a matter of time. Th
unprotected right fl
"I asked Webb to g
mussen to get the he
"In the meantime,
fire on an enemy for
been headed, at a di
back to cover when t
avail.

"My back was towa
that 60 yards acros
dered the tracks an
"Since I couldn't
exactly what happen
knocked out and wer
ding ammo had its o
"A captain and an
our position. I don
vehicles, but he se
Rasmussen was telli
Until the Captain f
opinion that all ha
little concern for
"Shortly after th
stopped 40 yards fr
his M-1, aimed and
tree 2 1/2 feet fro
wounds already. I d
of them made their
"Five minutes lat
not ten feet from m
the woods. Then I b
ing woods just sixt
"I felt I had see
crunch of foot step
'Kraut' looking dow
than nine feet away
two of them, to h-a
away.
"In the meantime,
evacuation team and
fading away when th
"I could never ad
but I have spent mo
too, for permitting
the most caring men

TD.

(1990)

December

Lu where my
Lines fr. us
Capt. the

Con mucho amor,

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

He probably remembers Stella Day

S. Best wishes to you and

Bruce. Hope you two do get

together again. Julian J Ewell

George
I might (I'll get a chance to
my good Conduct, it has cost
[illegible] 7. my citizen?

In

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Circle campaigns in which

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departure for Bastogne

3. What do you remember o

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men around you?

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relied on in tough sit

6. Your most memorable ac
unknown):

7. There were several oth
you cite instances in
your efforts:

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Eight Days; D-Day to B
CFA History) to refres
wrote home about some
book of this nature. D
time we were at Bastog
mid-January:

Another replaceme
at Fort Benning and
another without a w

When the 501st
morning of the 19
to remain until a
positions and pla
up an M-1 rifle b
rifle.

In the late aft
us and took us ou
were coming up.
When we got to th
German tank on fi
rounds from one c
thought was to ca

Apparently Sgt. D
some memory of the

1Lt. Claude P.
unarmed men. I w
had the larger pe
Pvt. 'Blackie', a

As a member of th
H. Cartledge was ca
lines. He describe

On one of the l
field phone. Col
determine if the
days the reduced
all.

We moved out ea
myself. Brown to
apart, taking adv
the snow made the
houses. It appea

It was time to
secret places--be
doors, the attics
a discarded cured
even some ersatz

Collins and I a
a burst from my T
room. No one was
but I had spotted
down there. I le

There were thre
while one bleated
Chicago!'

Regimental Headqu
a schoolhouse in Ba
defuse unexploded b

I remember well w
pile. This must h
courtyard facing t
left side. Sgt. L
I agreed. As we w
some repair outfit
the room and coal
it eidewise and we
sergeant I knew th
the fuse was stuck
said, 'No, but I c
Then the fuse came
everything.5

5S/Sgt Leon W. Br
a truckload of mines
Leonard Cinquanta's
in the same explosio

A replacement to C

these memories of hi

I was with the 5
of us didn't have
'that any troopers
weapons were broug
rest of the troope
back there made ou
remember being in
borrowed a German
position along a s
into a firefight.
was with us but ca
over the railroad
him.

We later moved t
with another troop
remember his name.

One night it was
running up on me f
with a P-38. I mi
and he apologized
was with me in the
running across the
off on our left si
that we could see
like to get in con
were with me.

majority of these
thought of my unit
bother any of them
think that I could
My reply to him
so to them, it is
mas Day. I firmly
a unit can receive
there. It brings
us we were surroun
you mean the Germa
right.' Mentone's

PFC John C. Trowbr
to provide some secu

Some days later
and hold secondary
artillery and tank
destroyer crank up
line. When they r
would usually be s
tank!' These dest
were 20 feet long.
Most bombing and s
troops positioned wi
Trowbridge and his m

We took over som
slit trenches, som
felt safer here aw
'Jerry' came over
watching the anti-
a few yards from o
daylight, when we
around us.

In a later action
1Lt. Joseph B. Schwe
327th Glider Infantr

On the night of
breakthrough at th
road blocks in aro
Joseph Harper movi
defense against th
Company headquarte
the rest of the co
memory was in the
women huddled in t

In nothing flat
and was joined by
That tank had c
ly. I asked the
'It's all set to
things and told h
who should give i
front of the tank
in front of us.
have thought he'd
knocked out and o
the right of the
3rd Battalion and
us eventually joi

Being assigned to
ment and having a p
came to returning f
happened one night
made:

One thing that
Herman Koeppl. W
hill above where
on the front line
yards forward. M
him to get me up
cover of darkness
and knew immediat
sight. Moving ba
now to think of i
I came across t
had seen anything
spoke with a heav
we captured him b
headed back to yo
Now what? I st
man I met if anyo
seven men coming
captured my man.
Herman Koeppl w
1936, I believe,
in 1st Battalion
opinion, he was a
language. It was
we would use Fech

From a letter forme
former member of his

As we left the as
morning of December
with a reconnaisanc
followed by a batte
on each side of the
100 yards between c
of the road. As you
about 1 3/4 miles.
the tail of the col
Mardasson Hill wher

After it was dete
the right side of t
attacked the house
the lower left hand
of the road several
road drops down int
This is not the sam
is located about 3/
road.) The houses
pond.

I have a book tha
Hill where the monu
of the members of C
Company would have

About 11 o'clock
the 907th Glider FA
of the Mardasson Hi
men could have very
houses as you had s

About 11:00 PM on
Quarry about where
reorganized to atta
into the woods know
between the 2nd Bn
sent in to plug tha
E Company.

The 3rd Platoon c
tracks at the edge
The Germans walked
were covered in whi
splitting--the nois
front of that posit
battalion was invol
or 22nd I can't rem
where and waited fo
using our unit as a
needed.

About 10 P.M. on
moved into the 327t
been pretty well be

of Marvie near the
where the Bastogne
of Bastogne. This
Kessler farm where
surrender--also wi
broke through the
I am not too cle
toon rejoined the
of the year and we
Then of course we
January. Charles,
railroad crossing
which you plotted
part of a collecti
Hope all of this w
clearer to you. B

It's a little hard
I was leaving behi
that I had become
never see again.

One. G.M.G. (Fritz
ground who I first
He stayed with us
to join the U.S. Ar
was not allowed.
British would let
thing nothing happ
sad telegram). At
safety. He was a
We corresponded of
track of him. Oft

Shortly after arri
our equipment, whi
was replaced immed
M-1 carbine withou

One evening a bunc
towa. I can't rem
was a good one and
lights out. Bill
He came in about l
tomorrow? "It sur
While in the kitch
he had heard about
thinking it was on

The next morning f
heading for somewh
but not where. Al
kept rolling until

About daybreak a v
on. Get up, the Ge
didn't tarry long

Sgt Johnson assig
it was Carl Pechtm
for my carbine or
up with a box of a
course meant that
of the stories I h
equiped)
Anyway, we reporte
to meet the enemy

It was so foggy th
far when we met a

a bazooka which I
it. He said he ha
had no more ammo.
Man, we continued
2nd me. 3rd #2 sco

We were some dista
about 3/4 of a mil
a couple recon jee
I remember thinkin
that the Germans c

I had not seen a m
heading into. On
that a creek. On
road and road were
between them. Ahe
I suspected it wou
would have a tette
was where I was wh

We were probably 1
when the first jee
broke loose. A ta
opened fire demoli
in reverse faster
I think he escaped
thick that I'v oft

In nothing flat I
crawel and was joi
ber his name. but

That tank had come
cautiously. I ask
that tank. He sai
I hadn't ever fire
said he had so th
e try. WHAM! the
tank. I don't thi
of us. For some r
may have thought h
He was later knock
oned from this spo
creek and flat are
left the 2nd Pn..

I can't recall tha
encounter. I don't
scout, Fechtman no
tainly watching ov

After appraising t
the info back to H

interesting tasks.
the hill above whe
had been another o

One thing that I a
outpost with Herma
3rd Bn. on the lat
We were manning th
above where we fir
post was on the fr
hole about a hundr
3:00AM and I woke
daylight so we cou
darkness. and went
and knew immediate
and no one in sigh
naked that I shudd

I came across the
if they had seen a
but asked me if he
firmed that he did
he said he was wit
you about an hour

Now What? I star
asking each man I
Had. Then I saw s
from the 2nd Bn. a
kick our of it and

Herman Koepple was
Germany in 1936. I
war. He came to u
were at Mourmelon.
he had a problem w
icult to understan
Fechtman as our tr

One night on conta
at the C.P.. which
overrun them for t
tanks from coming
finally the tanks

One day while walk
a bit with an A.T.
yards back of the
tank came up over
anything that look
could make out the
gun crew didn't sh
damn thing. but th
we didn't even hav

furious I was. Af
off the knoll at h

The first night af
tactpatrol once mo
were Dominic Mento
3rd Bn. and the ar
and half-tracks ab
Now here is a hunc
wouldn't shoot at
because they might

We raised quite a
the next night tho
they were mad at t
were sending up th

The krauts must ha
and they laid down
the fox hole just
piece of shrapnel
get a scratch.

One morning after
prisoners. one qui
14 or 15 years old
and cold and were
to get them both t
and the old man wa
the poor kid along
cross a field. Th
artillery fire. I
five hours. (With
the FCP enclosure
through the war.)
occasional sniping
mostly ours, until
Saar Valley.

Lt. Ren Stephens a
convoy. All went
while at the front
The light wires ha
had been overlooke
mechanical experie
Model T) I correc

One thing that sti
After we reached o
their assigned pos
tact with each com
company commander
we were back in a
lights. Coming int

*See my note dated

machine gun crew a
answered correctly
I thought our time
" I think we'd bet
Lt. Stephens was a

Looking back now I
little inches righ
written by me.

Sgt. Chester Broo
501st remembered ha
sergeant friends an
departure for Basto

Starting with t
Bastogne, 1/Sgt A
sergeant John Lar
Paris allotted af
lot of time sleep
returned to camp
seemed only minut
I got to the orde
tial personnel. A
ordnance, most of
safe to fire over
become wet while
physical conditio
out of the hospit
fully incorporate
exercises and wer
for exercise and
equipment.

Sgt. Chester Brool
the attempt to reas
to get back into Ba

We arrived at B
eastern edge of t
pied by the Germa
I assured her t
about a mile when
I know that most
I think our batta
not sure about th
I was with the
command, turned t
there on our left
ditch our men had
I grabbed the fir
woods and said, '
crew and he told

The following is
they saw each other

He (Maitland) g
He was so mad he
swiftly to the ba
and the machine g
it hung loose in
backward down the

horrendous scrapi
men had taken off
frozen ground.
The battle move
that meet are sup
and right, then c
had no knowledge
somewhat stabiliz
where we were and
outlined all that

After a day of tw
line company soldie
occurred on Christm

All captured fo
come in and repor
a shed either wit
was Sgt. Johnson
Johnson and I wou
to take as as far
trailer and the t
declined to join
was being bombed
dropped but they
sides and snow co
down without inci
and then the fun
got heavier and h
snow and tried to
believe me, it wa
but couldn't get
squat position an
then we could all
We got it up on h
the pig laid on t
we got weaker and
trailer and back
half meatball out
brought in from a

After Sgt. Cheste
be loaded in a trai
food story that occ

Food was scarce
were always attac
or felt they did.
ing a malemite ca
not from the kitc
the company was p
coop and had boil
and they stood ar

yourselves!' Eac
or whatever and
a wing. Maitland
knew after that
chicken wings le
'no thanks--I'm
to make sure non
your canteen cup
that he visualiz
a week reaching
around trying to
appetite for the

March 19, 1991

Dear George:

Thanks for y
from other Ist Bn

Starting wit
our dash to Basto
Johnson, Communic
wisely secured th
return from Holla
sleeping while in
to camp in the ev
and it seemed onl
report o Bn Hq's
said were moving
was a meeting goi
it had been decid
I remember the si
the mortar ammuni
over the head of
wet while in the
physical conditio
just gotten out o
not as yet been f
hadn't engaged in
having marching t
the men spent the

The 501 was
scheduled to entr
other equipment t
aircops open trai
lights on as ther
conditions. I wa

We arrived a
on the eastern ed
had been occupied

I reassured her t
proceeded about a
unit were fired u
Commanders were o
Commander Bottoml

I was with t
command turned to
woods over there
ground between th
firing started an
gun crew I could
your gun over the
he told me later
thought I was nut

(this is Maitla
his machine gun
he didn't even
the barbed wire
and a machine g
wire so that it
frozen ground a
few minutes lat
looked below hi
helmet and was

The battle
two armies that
thrown up on ou
regiments. Of
on. However whe
remember1 Col E
asked him what
that had taken

The follow
the night before
was to go to the
reported that th
shed either with
think it was Sgt
sure but whoever
I would try to
to drive us as
unhooked the tra
nearer. The jee
One side event h
bombs but missed
covered fields t
on the hill it
harmlessly and a
fountains of fi
the shed, cut do
through the snow
don't know how h
heavier. If you
tried to lift a
trailer-believe
by its legs but
suggested he'd g
could lift it up
under it and lif
up on his knees
pig laid on top
and we got even
the pig in the t
the equivalent o
for that had bee
up a cow or cows

More on fo
platoon,Hgs Co

Food was s
were always att
got less or fel
two men (I can'
came carrying a
your men, this
point of saying
Evidently somec
up some chopped
stood around th
your selves" E
underwear for w
man came up wit
gradually losin
gone down the w
The "caterers s
he wasn't that
make sure none
your canteen cu
Maitland said t
who hadn't wash
sloshing their
or a breast and

Pvt. Char

For a person who
men with whom he se
actions and names o
of fighting.

The night of De
enjoy a few drink
there told us our
to Mourmelon. Rel
we returned to Mo
On the 18th we
This was not to b
set up a roadbloc
At the last mom
Captain Stanfield
'some low German.
was attached to C
Leaving Mourmel
cattle carriers.
jam. Nobody, not
time I was transf
truck. The soldie
retreating soldie
drive to Bastogne
questioned. 'What
soon find out. Ju
than ourselves, t
confused. I can s
drove into the co
sized farmhouse.
farmhouse. A lieu
charge as yet. Th
there was small a
The crying of the
to an outside exi
house. Being agit
just as a flare c
about twenty yard
headed for the wo
off. That same ni
telling that he h
repeated this ove
wanted somebody t
one did.
So far I do rem
or 20th more troo
izing for action.
should go. He tol
impressive sergea
to the end of the
was at Mourmelon
I went with this
Just before dar
enter the woods.

I found nothing a
kind of turned ar
them I saw a silh
clicking sound of
the main barrel a
almost dark. From
were not clear. a
carrying a stick.
this be; maybe a
the tank. 'Who th
Baumgarter, 327th
answered. 'Brown,
this inciedent or
gun over our head
my rifle broadsid
of our troops. It
again and shake h
Later in this hor
ing morning I end
railroad track ru
was stocked with
at the house, whi
was Dec. 20, A.M.
1989. No luck. Th
The troopers ha
of the house. The
use their foxhole
Kraut that night.
Two beautiful o
to cook and bake
small girls. Whit
would not leave t
large iron cookin
An officer. Lt.
cellar. If he nee
self. He had come
was loaded with b
going. He looked
During a typica
beets and amused
still have their
written on a Fren
of Dec. Nature ca
were gone. They h
concern for them
resisted and I pa
that the chickens
just cackled and
Lt. Crevenston,
escapade with the
it that I met Lt.
fully. I slept go
small arms were e
and another offic

toward the woods.
Looking out of th
away, approaching
tered with small
Maybe he knows wh
body was hurt. De
This same early
sergeant, who kne
or 'C' and to del
military case wit
yard. He pointed
reply to his requ
'Dammit!' He reac
Mauser or 30-06 a
and shirt. It dre
get going Brown.
saw him again.
The whispering
upsetting my pet
to the west, as I
About 1000 yard
exchanging nods w
A mortar blast st
standing up, were
and emptied a cli
I have thought th
really came in fa
afraid to move. I
Company. I got up
fast enough. A mo
scared and down w
Surprisingly I cr
He did recognize
mouth. It was abo
(Calvadoes of cou
as I tried to pro
At this moment I
same blast. I'm s
was Wilson. I cou
area. There was n
fear or distresse
My head was split
rifle but my left
was a trooper sup
deep shock and ly
not stay erect an
guns hear him but
was about 40 feet
sure he was from
mortars. Think I
Directions are sa
A young trooper
me in his jeep. H
was badly mangled.

the German uniform
driver made room
I wanted to do. I
challenged by a c
fight. This same
Dec. 21st, he sav
personally. I can

Very skillfully
our trip to a ten
small wounds rece
officer said to m
know it could hav
was great medicin
Somewhere the she

Somewhere I've
the 23rd of Decem
a massive glass r
There are many wo
snapshot of me. G
feel free to say
mind--after all t

XJBJB V GSN NR-
T JABM QVR-6
FROM: SHAEF FORWARD C
TO: (1) AGWAR (2) A
MOSCOW
INFO: (4) AFHQ SH
ST
FWD 20SCO . CON
PARA ONE PD A REPRESE
SIGNED THE PAREN TC CO
CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR AC
SCAF 357 PD U:PAREN UN
CMA SEA AND AIR FORCES
FORCE AND SIMULTANEOUS
ONE FOUR ONE HOURS CEN
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND F
FOR RUSSIANS PD PARA T
THREE ZERO ONE HOURS C
TIME ALL ACTIVE OPERAT
MISSION INFORM SOVIET
PARA FOUR PD NO REPEAT
BY THIS HEADQUARTERS F
PD
ST 0704103
AS NO CCNS
GSN RD.....07/0

Cherlee:

I have roster
II. I would s
on--there are
the division
one.
Noted the art
son and recen
Eagle newslet
I write to so
Arabia on a r
Am sure I can
long ago.

PHOTOGRAPHE

Pvt. John

Pvt. John J. Bous
was to provide secu
and the men had an
of the men finally
lLt. Joeseph MacGre
In the Holland figh
by German paratroop
road bridge. He was
back to England. He
unit in Holland.

I may be able to
nervousness as he w

PFC John

As PFC John G. Ca
from Holland he "wa
warm place and Chri
alive after a campa
wounded."

He remembers bein
He said "We were de

His officers were
Elder Collier as pl
sergeant. Men he re
Leighton and Leland

His most memorabl
ary "when we suffer

PFC John Cavaluzz
briefing in the mar
we were and what ou

"Early on the mor
ing east through th
either side of the
were going by in th

INDI

Name and Rank PFC John
Current Address 11 Garibal
Unit of 101st (Company/Batt
Circle campaigns in which y

1. Reflections as you left
A big turn plus
for them. Plus

2. Anything of special inte
departure for Bastogne:

3. What do you remember of
We had to stand

4. Did the chaos in and aro
men around you? Lots
A mess and lots

5. Who was your company/bat
Colter Plato
relied on in tough situa
Leland Stillwa

6. Your most memorable acti
unknown): Between Le

7. There were several other
you cite instances in wh
your efforts:

8. It may help you to revie
Eight Days; D-Day to Bas
GFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some of
book of this nature. Des
time we were at Bastogne
mid-January:

#1 Prior to Kelle
Brigade area
where we were
19 Dec: Got it rea
the dentis
pretty
from that
direction

Terry,

for e

the space yo

Sydney,"

kind words

ree, I ~~felt~~

given the opp

children and

I'm entering

deed carrying t

edition. I re

for another pr

In

Name and Rank Pvt Patrick

Current Address 301 Rosew

Unit of 101st (Company/Ba

Circle campaigns in which

1. Reflections as you lef

2. Anything of special in
departure for Bastogne

3. What do you remember o

4. Did the chaos in and a
men around you?

5. Who was your company/ba
Pla
relied on in tough situ

6. Your most memorable ac
unknown): [illegible]

7. There were several othe
you cite instances in
your efforts:

8. It may help you to rev
Eight Days; D-Day to Ba
GFA History) to refres
wrote home about some
book of this nature. D
time we were at Bastog
mid-January:

&pl Gle

Reflections as I l

suffered so many cas
were killed, just wo
mance. I always felt
with us combat veter
Holland campaign (Ed

"After arrival in
Germans and I prompt
report to sick call.
clothes had to be bo
grease (twice) to ri
prided himself on ne
seemed that was a de

"I had nothing to
our area as the resu
They did let a few c
down through the ran
combat vets cooped u
Dennis, Fletcher P.
good time until it w
ately because of the
and Pvt's were still
Germans never stood
as they had to be!

"We arrived at cam
everyone had moved o
our combat equipment
a short night's slee
Bastogne. It was nic
They had trouble get
we ended up in a sma
the night sleeping o
civilian population
homes to get warm. I
and decided to stay
than the cold floor
nine till the sound

The convoy was pulli
so I went back to sl
and meat the next mo
the convoy gone as f
find heading for Bas

"I checked in at h
the north end of Bas
Rhett, our company c
know that I could be
was, 'If I wanted to
would I?' I got one
sent to the front li
to the troops. For t
wild animal, never g
Earth and we sure kn

"Galoshes had not
would take off one b
thrusting them under
which was kept insid
this several times t
change from Paris pa

"The usual procedu
PFC Delmer Schnoor a
campaign. My two amm
yards from ours so w
and me against the w
the one thing about
without any supervis
up and down the line
of Headquarters Comp
company during opera
and visit with. The
when the platoon ser
mation.

"During lulls we s
experiences. I can n

The first thing I le
Madden had been kil
pretty close to our
feet."

"My most memorable
night before actuall
men was normally att
our own guard duty.
held to that schedul
gunners turn for his
relieved me. I told
startled me about Ol
thing I learned was
the noise of a motor
off to my right was
with a half mile of
and the half track r
a probe and expected

"Morning came and
exchanges and far of
my fears were confir
infantry on foot pul
facing. They came fr
across the opening t
be 400 to 500 yards
and I could see the

"I had saved two i
aircraft ammo which
use them, if the opp
ended up putting the
made a nice blue fla
but did no harm to t
skinned aluminum air
the operator of the
Another man took his
to be as hard hit. T
behind so started pi

fell and was helped
wounded. I wounded
were coming from an
barrled asseult gun
informed my assista
reload them with ar
the shells started
and only peeked out
run our position. R
ended for me. It go
as they came up to
let go right throug
now we are getting
course, with casualt
hole out in the ope
was Manuel Dandis w

"Another time, ab
the MLR and the orde
was a clear day and
heated water in our
and got the job done
own jeeps on a nearb
was close enough to

"One day we were
in and it hit in t
turned out to be on
take as a souvenir!"

Ben A. Berbet,
Veteran of the 501st P.I.R.
101st Airborne Div.

Dear George,

Boy! Was I ever ha
book for us while "the

At this late stage
unfortunately the nam
my Holland Diary yea
any details as a good
But all the facts are
reread it every once i
how fishermen love t

I've been looking
the men who were in
those without a ( ) d
these were the replac
them; Dandis died in
correct unless the "A

I never wrote a "di
more and more as tim
that will be one of m
them on. It will take
along, but I will use
writing books so I wil
see fit. So here goes.

(1) *Reflections as*
suffered so many casu
killed, just wounded
because in Normandy
for any of the enemy,
I had my assistant gu
bearer wounded. My
yard shot) was disrup
time to set sights in
shots from his carbi
forgive him for that!
and fit in with us co

I

Name & Rank DERBER

Current Address 725 C

Unit of 101st (Company/B

Circle campaigns in whic

(1) Reflections as you left

(2) Anything of special inte
departure for Bastogne?

(3) What do you remember of

(4) Did the chaos in and aro
men around you?

(5) Who was your company/bat
Platoon s
in tough situations?

(6) Your most memorable acti
unknown)

(7) It may help you to revie
Eight Days, or D-Day To
of the actions. If you k
later, these entries wou
your most memorable expe
from December 19 until w

survived the Holland
(2) Nothing of
from Holland and de
used by the German
Scabies and had to re
and all my clothes
sulphur grease (twice
who prided himself d
it seemed, that was a
I had nothing to d
as a result of it hurt,
few out on pass, sta
ranks because they m
They got to the level
and myself got to go
by orders to retu
breakthrough. As fa
pass when they shipp
against such mean an

(3) What do you
see? We arrived a
everyone had moved
combat equipment,
short nights sleep h
Bastogne. It was nice
had trouble getting i
up in a small town n
there, sleeping on t
population came aro
get warm. I took up
stay and sleep in a n
the night previous. I
awoke me in the we
Well, too late to do a
good breakfast of fri
went back to the tow
on the first truck I c
late.

I checked in at he
north end of Bastog
Company commander
that I could be listed

wanted to dessert I
one more night or res
a half track which we
weeks I would live
building. Our only sh
foxholes by this time
Galoshes had not
would take off one t
thrusting them under
which was kept inside
several times the firs
Paris pass to Ardenne
cold winters was a gr

(4) *Did the chaos*
on your or the men a
down and were pretty

(5) *Who was your*
was my company com
LMG platoon leader
over *Giant Antiaircraft*
was to dig two man fo
I were in close conta
bearers were usually
the going really got r
army, or so it seem
Paratroopers is that
you always knew the
let you down. As for
rather than became
other gun crews of H
during operations we
with. The only time
platoon Sgt. would co
During lulls w
exchange experiences
the line. The first t
Denver Madden had
pretty close to our fo

Jan. 3 battle shown o

Glen A. Derber,
Veteran of the 501st P.I.R.
101st Airborne Div.

Dear George,

(6) *Four most mem*

January 3, 1945 t
before, actually, with
normally attached to
guard duty. This mea
that schedule through
turn for his 2 hour sh
him to wake me if he
and I was immediate
assistant gunner had
probably a half track
deployed along the ed
of us. There was so
German lines. I figu
morning.

Morning came and
exchanges and far off
fears were confirme
infantry on foot pull
They came from our
opening to our front.
yards away, had a lar
the operator along sid

I had saved two
aircraft ammo which
getting caught with t
sure Capt. Rhett woul
My thought was to u
the helmet. I ended u
track. They made a
estimation but did no
for thin skinned alum
on the operator of the
Another man took his

We had to stand u
where the wind was
seemed to go right th
I came out of Bast
eight gun LMG platoo
one of them was mine
in my own crew. So
notion that my chris
killed in Southern Fr
as myself and it hadn
and fortunately the w
with the confidence I
One other experien
embarrassment it cou
we were holed up in
those tall fir trees. Th
barrage either of us
tops off trees and sc
blizzard. Some shells
it would collapse in o
getting the H--- out
down. I put him in t
the while explaining
our chances were in t
told him to listen t
succumbed to my rea
how he felt about it t

George, do you f
Banfield or Pelhar
and get hit in the
night after I'd war
famous last words
emitted smoke fro
went crawling off
mind as if it happ
sickening. I wou
some skin grafted
used to joke about
face wants to sit d

be as hard hit. This
started picking at th
helped up and into th
one more before they
the half track made
aiming right at us! W
to catch the empty c
ammo from our mac
both hugged the bott
make sure the infant
was going to be how
reserve rifle company
up to see a rifle bulle
God! I thought, now
repulsed, of course, w
shell hole out in the c
was Manuel Dandis

Another curious t
lack of food supplies
corpses lying about
would be of any use
have to this day. So
bad to me. Knowing
not be too surprising
flesh must taste like
discussed carving off
good Catholic and I
with Father Sampson

Another time, abo
the MLR and the orde
was a clear day and,
water in our helmets
job done. It was the
nearby road and we
to cause some to ed
entering service and
to become a fighter
and P-47's flying ove

One day we were
in and it hit in the op
be one of the drop ta

The coldest I reme
our trip out of Bastog

Good health and
take a well deserve
busy. You have so
a pity it couldn't b
think, this will be
English language,
favorite sayings
running this plac

Allen A. Berber, f

Reflecting a bit
"What amazed me we
the second day Prit
where Co. "D" stepp
tested!"

At Meurmelen PPC
feetell team to pl
belated dinner whe

Recalling his ori
this recollection:
moved down the roa
received as we app

The commanding ei
Snedgress. The plat
hoens. In tough sit
the rest of the squ

The most memorabl
during Co. "D"'s fi
broke. There laid a

Druback remembers
force us on the pe
surprised how we co
in the doughnut.

"Co. "D" was lein
had this road acros
view of fire was el
the air-cooled mach
more effectively ov
judgment was that
attack. That is whe
et the light of day
wounded and we took
counterattacked. We
things could have g
course it went our

INDI

Name and Rank WM. A. DRO

Current Address 197 ORI

Unit of 101st (Company/Batt

Circle campaigns in which y

1. Reflections as you left
IN HOLLAND, EXCEPT TO
FR. TZ DAVIS WENT TO GET
STARK & FURNERY

2. Anything of special inte
departure for Bastogne:
TEAM TO PLAY THE
GIVING BEARDED DINN

3. What do you remember of
HASTILY WE GOT TOGE
OF MOST OF THE TRIP IN TH

4. Did the chaos in and aro
men around you? NO, T
GERMANS WHEN WE
LIGHT OF DAY AND THE

5. Who was your company/bat
LT. COLLIER Plato
relied on in tough situa
OF THE SQUAD +

6. Your most memorable acti
unknown): 1ST DAY OUTSI
WHEN DAYLITE BROKE - AND A

7. There were several other
you cite instances in wh
your efforts: YES, A
ASKED TO RE
BAR - AS YOU KNO
COULD BE EVERYWHERE

8. It may help you to revie
Eight Days; D-Day to Bas
GFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some of
book of this nature. Des
time we were at Bastogne
mid-January: CO-D W
SIZED STRONG T
OUR FRONT WITH
OUR VIEW OF
WOODS, SO GENE
P.O.) HAD TO
FIRE MORE EN
MORE EXPOSED
WERE, MORE E
REPEL THE ATT
GERMAN SGT. RI
OF DAY WITH AL
WOUNDED AND WE
THEN MOVED OUT
CASUALTIES THAT
IT COULD OF WE
MEN'S COURAGE

P.S. COULD I STILL PURCH
HOPE THIS WILL

CHRIS

MERRY

Headquarters

Office of th

What's Merry about all this, you
All true, but what has the proud Eag
of the 10th Armored Division, the
just this: We have stopped cold ev
East, South and West. We have
two German Infantry Divisions and an
heading the last desperate Germa
when the Eagle Division was hurri
this was done will be written in
but in World history. The Germans
doom. Their Commander demanded

To the U. S. A. Commander of the en
The fortune of war is changing.
have been encircled by strong Ge
have crossed the river Ourthe ne
Hubert by passing through Hamb
There is only one possibility to save
that is the honorable surrender of
of two hours will be granted beginnin
If this proposal should be rejecte
Battalions are ready to annihilate th
for firing will be given immediately
All the serious civilian losses cau
the well known American humanity.

The German Commander receiv
To the German Commanders:
NUTS!
The
Allied Troops are counterattacking
Bastogne we assure the success
Commander, General Taylor, will sa
We are giving our country and
and being privileged to take par
ourselves a Merry Christmas.
McA

S/Sgt John

S/Sgt John Ghiardi
others when it was t
missed the 'off-the-
he carried a case of
Having rushed out
troops, the battalio
troops. Ghiardi wrot
weapons and ammo whi
S/Sgt John Ghiardi
commander for Bestog
Sgt (Alfred) Dornick
The most memorable
nights thereafter wh
no ack-ack on our si
S/Sgt John Ghiardi
farmhouse on the cre
also remembers "thre
to search for bodies
we removed both Amer
dawns to help relieve
"mortar barrage on o
barn which was part
resent and just misse
and Holland.)

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Name and Rank S/Sgt John
Current Address 12 PARK ave
Unit of 101st (Company/Batt
Circle campaigns in which y

1. Reflections as you left

2. Anything of special inte
departure for Bastogne:
It had been
into Battle

3. What do you remember of
To sleep on way
Combat.

4. Did the chaos in and aro
men around you? Sure
with guns + amm

5. Who was your company/bat
Plato
relied on in tough situa

6. Your most memorable acti
unknown): Xmas day

7. There were several other
you cite instances in wh
your efforts: units

8. It may help you to revie
Eight Days; D-Day to Bas
GFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some of
book of this nature. Des
time we were at Bastogne
mid-January: D Xmas
Hill Between Bastog
often several priva
in woods surrounding
Germans to prepare a
on our positions. (3)
which hit our Tank
killed our intelligen
Mess / a lot in Ha
+ Towns nearest

Sgt. Jac

As a squad sergean
chute Infantry Regim
drawn from Holland i
in France for a litt
for the guys lost in
marching just like O
new guys were aware
advise and instructi
were proud to have b
501st PIR and wanted

"It was around Dec
started a big offens
the Ardennes. My fir
this be? Hadn't the
and his armor were b
was no rumor and arc
to move. We were tol
jackets, overcoat, e

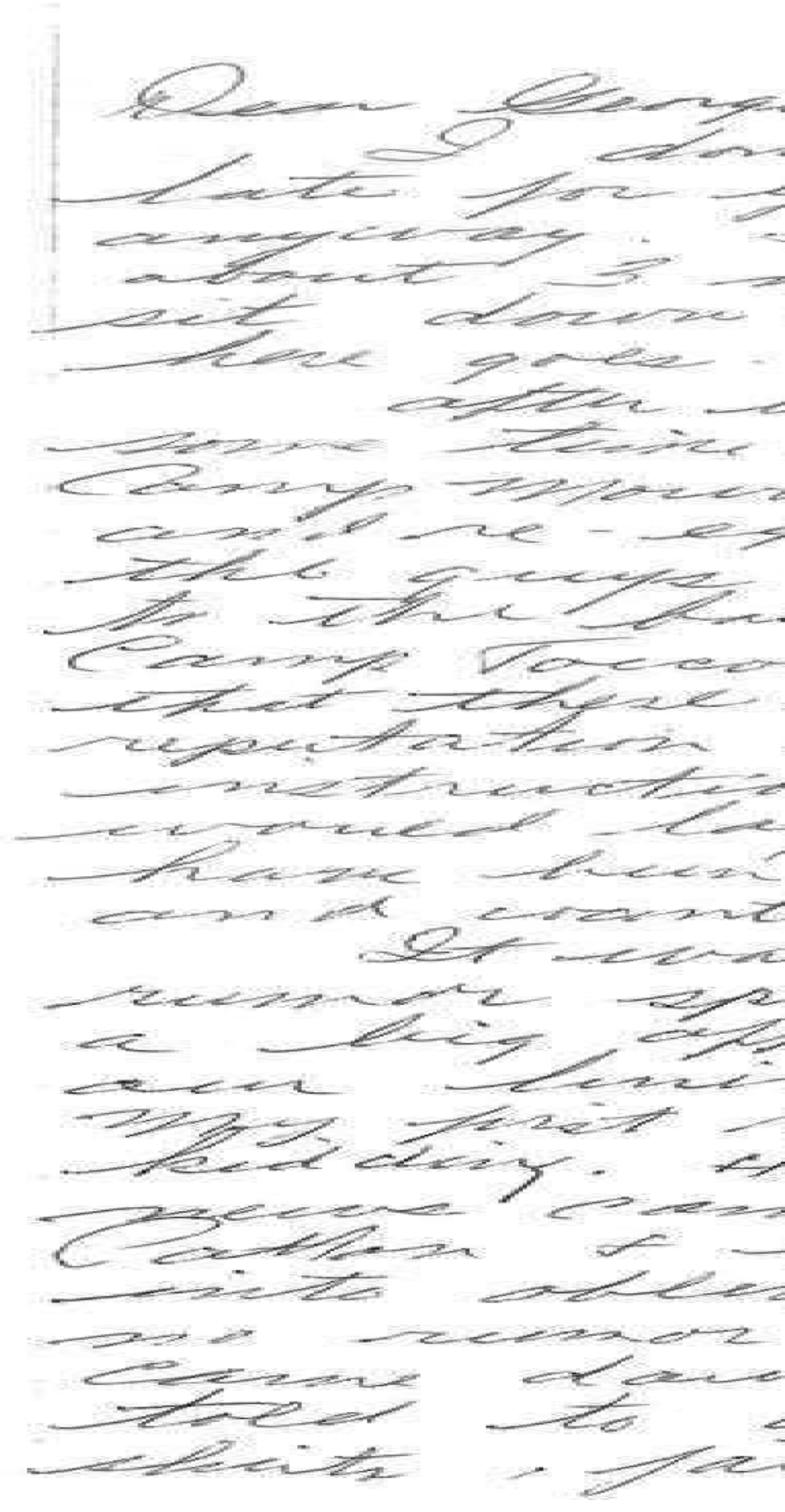
"Trucks began to a
and began to move ou
overnight on what wo
we spent most of the
role we would play.
walked about where w
vice. You would be s
a twelve hour truck

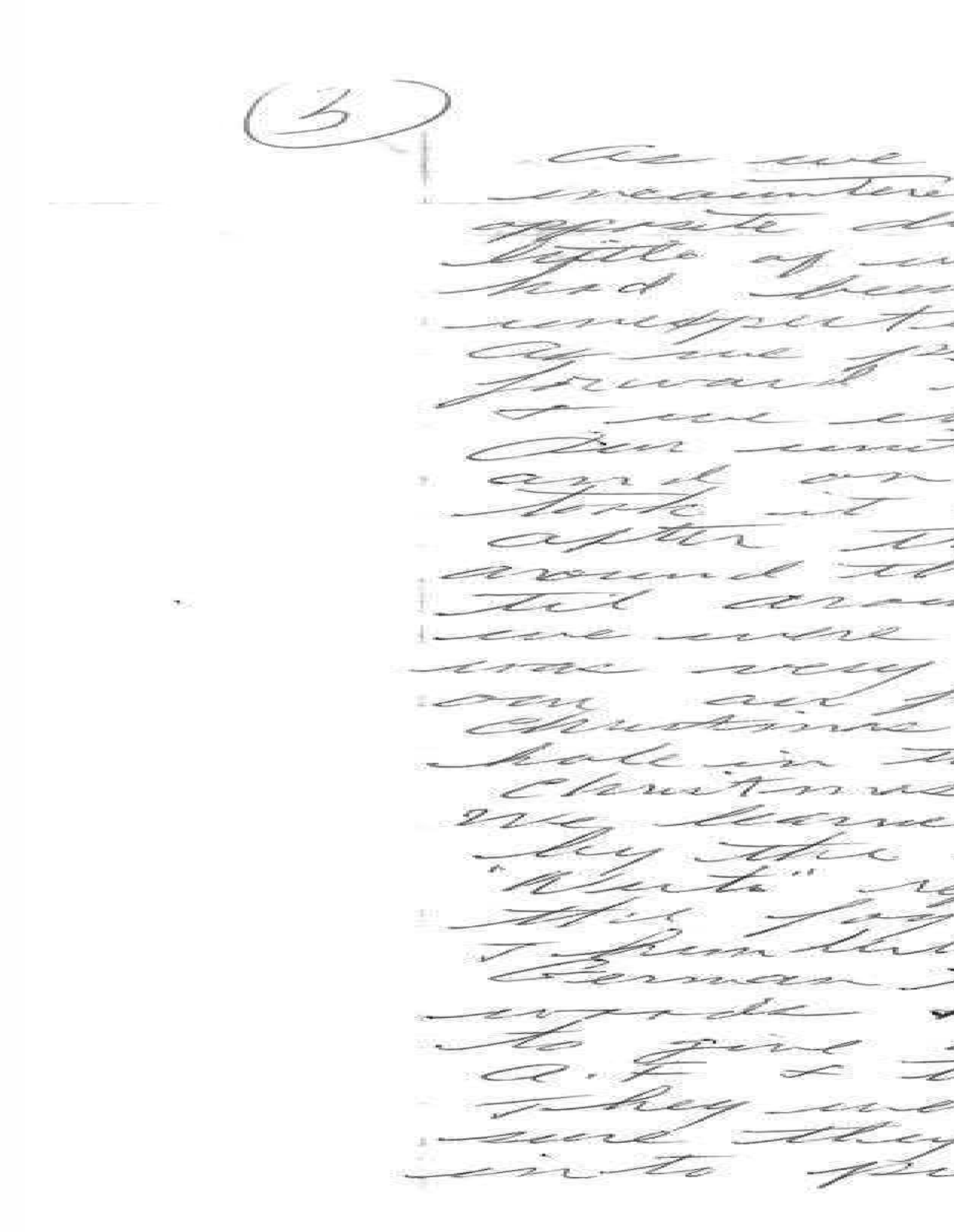
"Our ride came to
o500 and we were ord
told to place our me
for long. As day was
ready to move. We be
little village there
ever heard of it the
did we know that the
town and that Bastog
future history of th

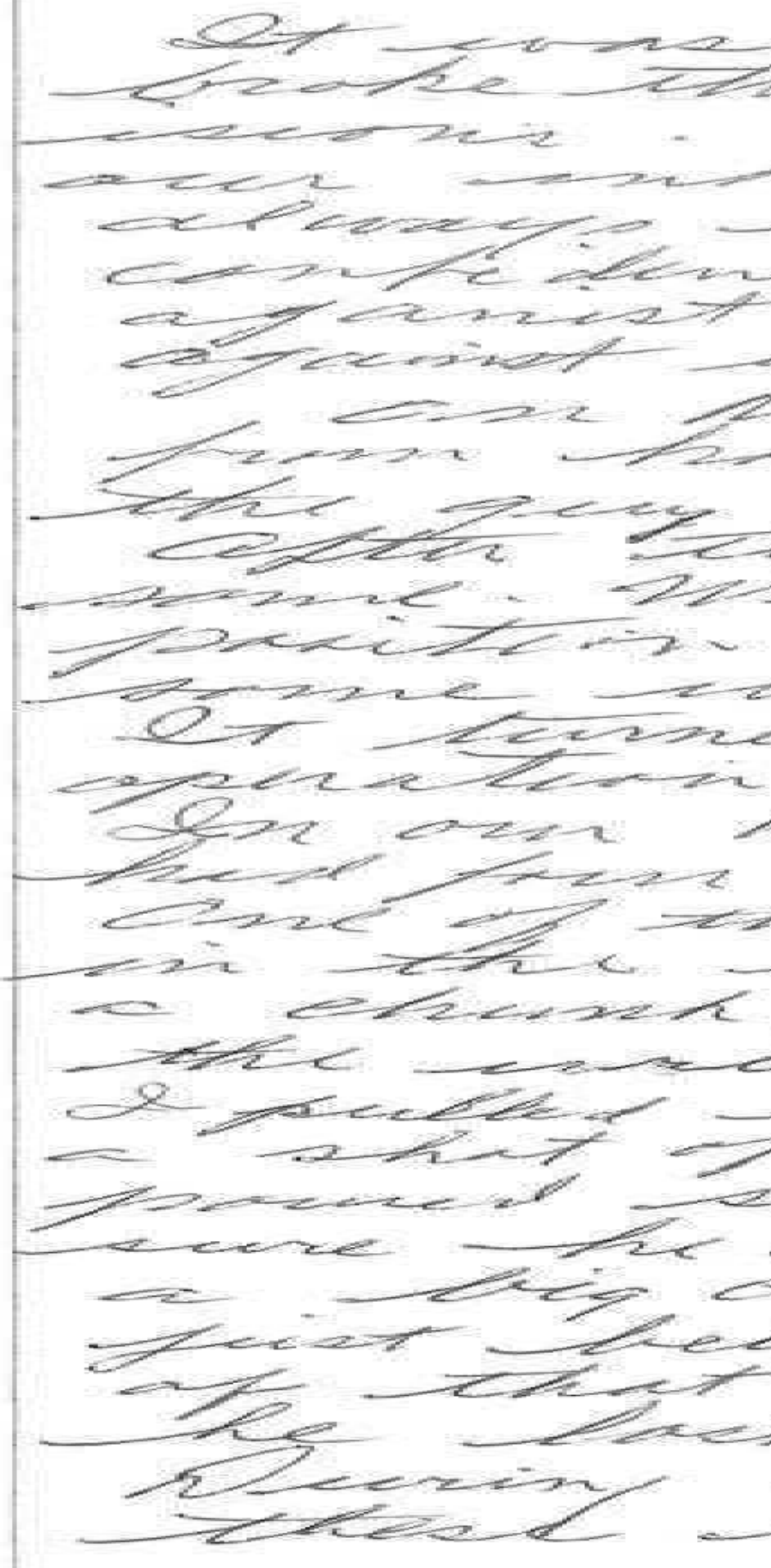
"As we moved throu
going in the opposi
had happened and ho
attack by tank and
ward troops encount
Our unit advanced t
took it without too
and around the woods
meantime we were un
the time and our ai
"Christmas came a
by the Christmas gr
the surrender deman
reply. Sometime aro
Thunderbolts went t
woods in front of u
Air Force and their
I am sure they turn
"It was sometime
divisions. It was a
always high as we w
anything the German
"On new year's da
some of the guys an
"After that thing
position and began
turned out to be th
In our 'D' Company
15 minutes. One of
veterans had a chun
in very bad pain an
of morphine. A medi
he lost his hand. A
below the knee whic
he lost that leg be
woods we knocked ou

skirmish we routed t
to make themselves v
barrel but the tempe
Even with our woolen
fast enough to take
that cold before in

"Another firefight
out on a patrol to s
About 200 yards into
direction. It looked
we were told not to
passed the word that
after this that we c
viscious firefight t
more men, including
and William Wright.
--in recent months I
and learned that the







S/Sgt Joe K

S/Sgt Joe Kenney w
scheduled to be sent
drop into Normandy.
airborne soldier who
Because of his bac
remembered: "My wors
Normandy) lost many
The leaders that S
are: Capt. Frank Gre
Frank McClure as pla
ations were Sgt. Tom
S/Sgt Joe Kenney's
anything brave. I wa
of them alive. The d
patrol. We were only
tank manuevering to
him the Krauts saw u
the church steeple t
woke up about three
hospital about two w
"E" Company in Basto
of the fierce combat
left in 2nd Platoon.
I was hit, was KIA.
and Lt. MacGregor ha
because he did not s

(Kenney sent a copy
which was fired to t
to surrender.)

Name & Rank Sgt KE
Current Address 115 S
Unit of 101st (Company/Ba
Circle campaigns in which

(1) Reflections as you left H
Hospital in Scot
Mess Market Garden

(2) Anything of special inter
departure for Bastogne?
Blizzard Armour

(3) What do you remember of y
Rocks, Steel Pl
Bridges cut wi

(4) Did the chaos in and arou
men around you? I Sol
Disciplined as Fact

(5) Who was your company/batt
Nicknames Platoon se
in tough situations? Sgt

(6) Your most memorable actio
unknown) Pfc 2, CR 22

(7) It may help you to review
Eight Days, or D-Day To B
of the actions. If you ke
later, these entries woul
your most memorable exper
from December 19 until we
Brave, I was amaz
Being of them Ab
I went on a Recc
years when we Sa
left Recce, But
The Kids I saw us
M.P. Pat Ent. C
(A Big Mistake).
Last 3 Days last
Spin a Incredible
Tricks and Ca
Duty (Scout)
Often I Get Bac
Jeep Driver, Pfc

when I got it
Sgt ... Class ...
was K.I.A. Sgt ...
Because ... did
I was ... and
GEORGE. I was ...
Bastogne. My ...
But I'm glad I ...
I was also to ...
He was ... Silver ...
the worst thing ...
the war was ...
in Normandy ...
He was like ...
with at this ...
years later. ...
write me. It ...
in ...

GEORGE. I was ...
served with ...
in 1942 and went ...
to L.R.D. ALLEN, ...
from 23rd Band ...
outfit) But it ...
officers and ...
I send me my ...
and see if you ...

Top ...

God bless ...

You ...

Kind Sentiments ...

1Lt. Bermer

Our division was
land campaign. Lea
advantage of these
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were on our way in
Arrived in Basto
under artillery im
waited the night o
positions around B
but our heavy figh
of Jan. 45. I was
fered his wound.
On 3rd of Jan. '
1Lt. Joe McGregor
our rocket launche
manned the launche
boosted Sgt. Frank
and he manned the
the enemy back. (M
and I am enclosing
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was KIA and there
On the 9th of Ja
attack on the smal
steeple of a churc
station. (He was l
Hospitalized in
before end of war.
until about July w
vated in November.
and had victory pa

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for actions on Jan

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Belgium, the 1st
penetrating the
and automatic we
flank of the ene
The rocket launc
Setting up an an
2 hostile halftr
took advantage o
enemy vehicles a
After completely
wounded and then
actions were in
service.

Recollection
to New York - Ber
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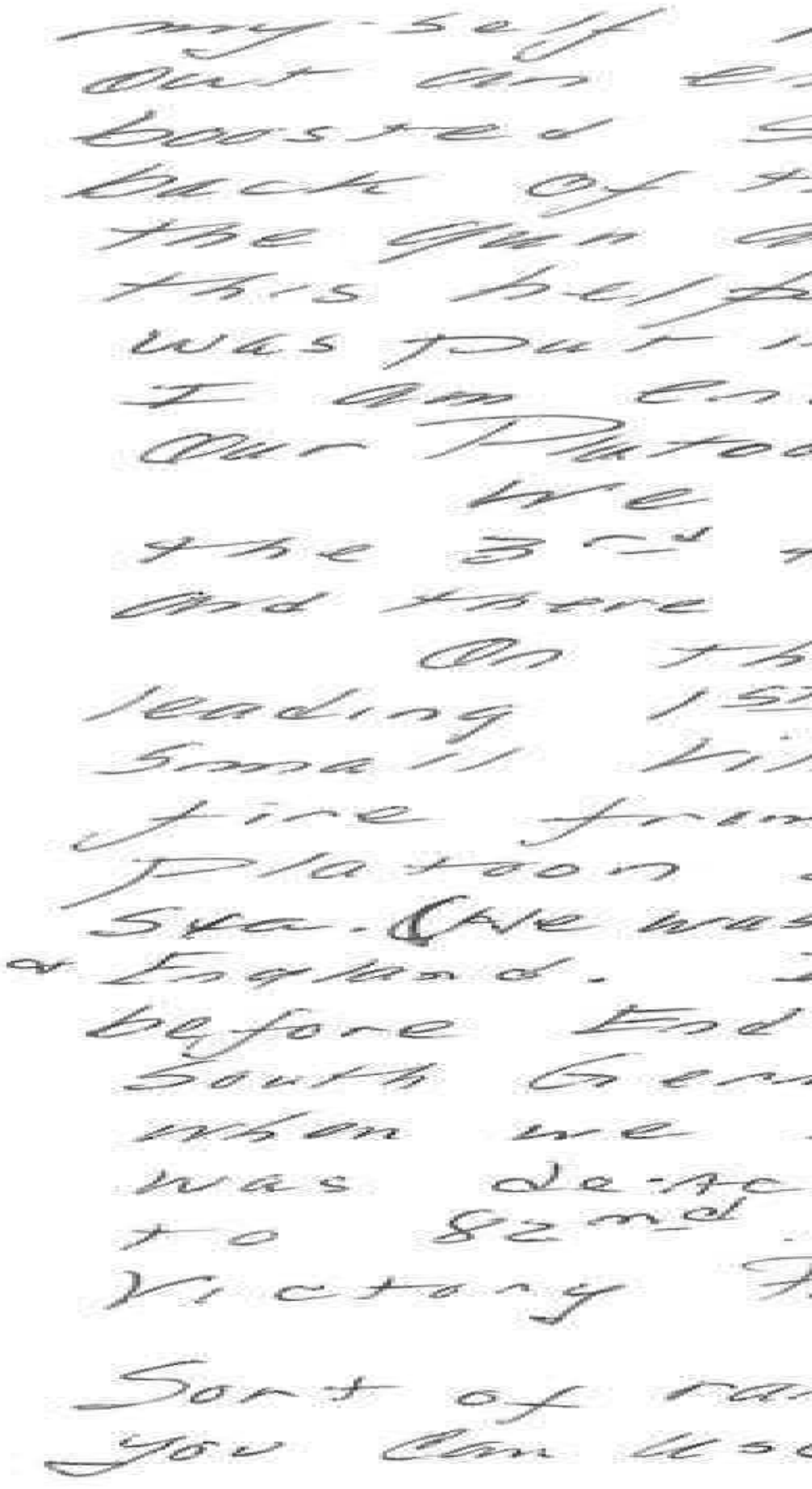

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Name and Rank Frank L A

Current Address Hope SR

Unit of 101st (Company/Batt

Circle campaigns in which y

1. Reflections as you left

2. Anything of special inte
departure for Bastogne:
Guns into Bastogne
Shelled heavily and

3. What do you remember of
Shelled heavily with Sh
with that was there bo
frozen bodies stacked

4. Did the chaos in and arc
men around you? We ha
Nurses stepped us

5. Who was your company/bat
Platc
relied on in tough situa
I just don't reme

6. Your most memorable acti
unknown): ?

7. There were several other
you cite instances in wh
your efforts:

8. It may help you to revie
Eight Days; D-Day to Bas
GFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some of
book of this nature. Des
time we were at Bastogne
mid-January:

GEORGE: I am sorry
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I was with the 10
from the day it
broke up in Belg
I too was sorry ab
Reading what e
over and the fi

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Name and Rank Cpl. John F.

Current Address 6901 E. Bak

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Circle campaigns in which y

1. Reflections as you left

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departure for Bastogne:

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Nothing of importance.

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time we were at Bastogne
mid-January:

** George. This was so long
orders were"to move throu
The area East of town was
when we made contact with

I recall when the word ca
the troopers said, "They

S/Sgt Frankl

S/Sgt Franklin E.
"cold, wet, bedragg
lorry carrying part
the driver went to
ly, no one was hurt
added, "Sgt. Bill F
Sgt. Foreman turn
commander, Capt. Fr
trained replacement
quarters were separ
"Transported to B
of equipment still
mission.
"There was some c
outside of Bastogne
ory down a fog shro
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"To the best of m
arrived at Bastogne
Sgt. Tom Butcher wa
Butcher was killed
"Jan. 3, 1945 - S
with a rather sizea
were rather reluctа
were the result of
"Short rations, b
ages from home arri
killed by a tree bu
moving away from Bi
had an M-1 when he
January 3rd. I disc
20mm cannon on the
some of his people
after I rolled out
put me on a jeep fo
was very seriously

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Name and Rank S/Sgt. Frank
Current Address P.O. Box 5
Unit of 101st. Company "E
Campaigns in which you par

1. Reflections as you left
sharp Platoon. British lo
an embankment when the dri
Miraculously no one hurt i
Sgt. Foreman unaccounted f

2. Sgt. Forman turns up dr
pleased. Poorly trained r
quarters separated from th

3. Transported to Bastogne
equipment still not replac

4. There was some confusio
area outside of Bastogne.
Bizory down a fog shrouded
on page 445 of Rendezvous

5. To the best of my recol
Bastogne. Papich 1st Sgt.,
closest friend and most de
outside Bizory a day or so

6. Jan.3,1945. Sgt. Calaha
sizeable force of Germans.

7. Had a superb view of ar
field just before we left
reluctant to help us. All
of action by Co."E" men.

8. Short rations, but lots
Packages from home arrived
Pvt. Vandersee was killed
of pines before moving awa
luger and Calahan had an M
who wounded us on Jan. 3.
effective like the 20 MM o
Lt. McGregor and some of h
I don't remember much afte
until Sgt. Papich put me o
third platoon who was very

Sgt Sam

During our occup
Section men were e
had a mild case of
time. As a result
high' rubber boots
command.

"All of the abov
Edmund Rhett sent
of the Wire Sectio

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only a minute frac
job was much easie

"Of course, I re
January 3rd."

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Cpl Bernar

Cpl. Bernard O.
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be replaced later
for a Christmas pa
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kind of weapon. No
if you were standi
their lights on al
"It seemed stran
to have them give
gave up their weap
Men that Cpl. Be
Robert Kennel and
Cpl. Bernard O.
saw troops coming
German or American
"I remember bein
morning. Sgt Jack
K-ration and wishe
"He also checked
taken my boots off
The next day I was
over a half hour t
we were being evac
"As all that had
thing touch them.
had our bare feet
When the trooper n
over to pick up hi
passion pulled the
that he struck str
him over backward.
confusion before t
happened." At firs
was delayed and wh
was no need to rem

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Name and Rank Bernard C

Current Address 17 North

Unit of 101st (Company/Ba

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2. Anything of special int
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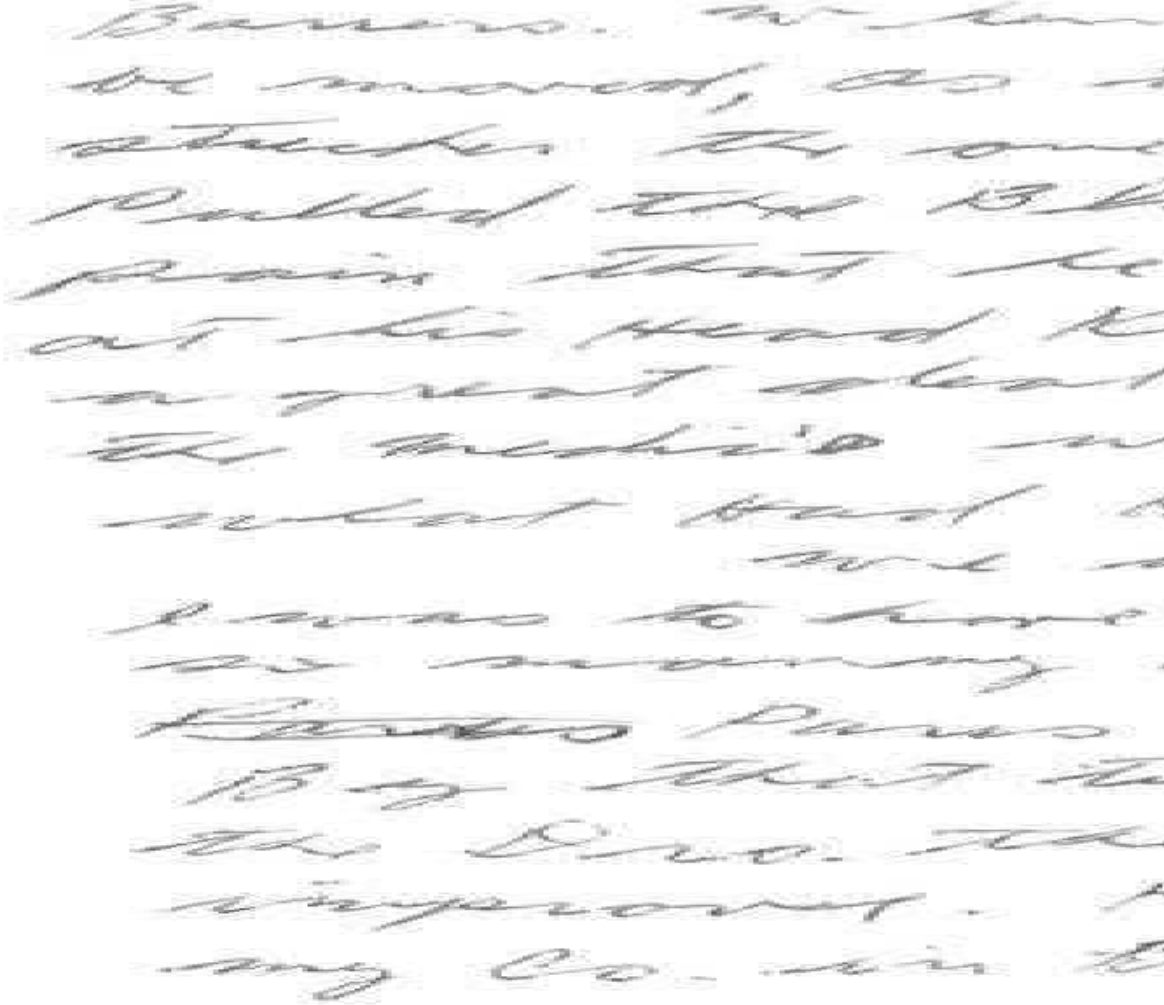

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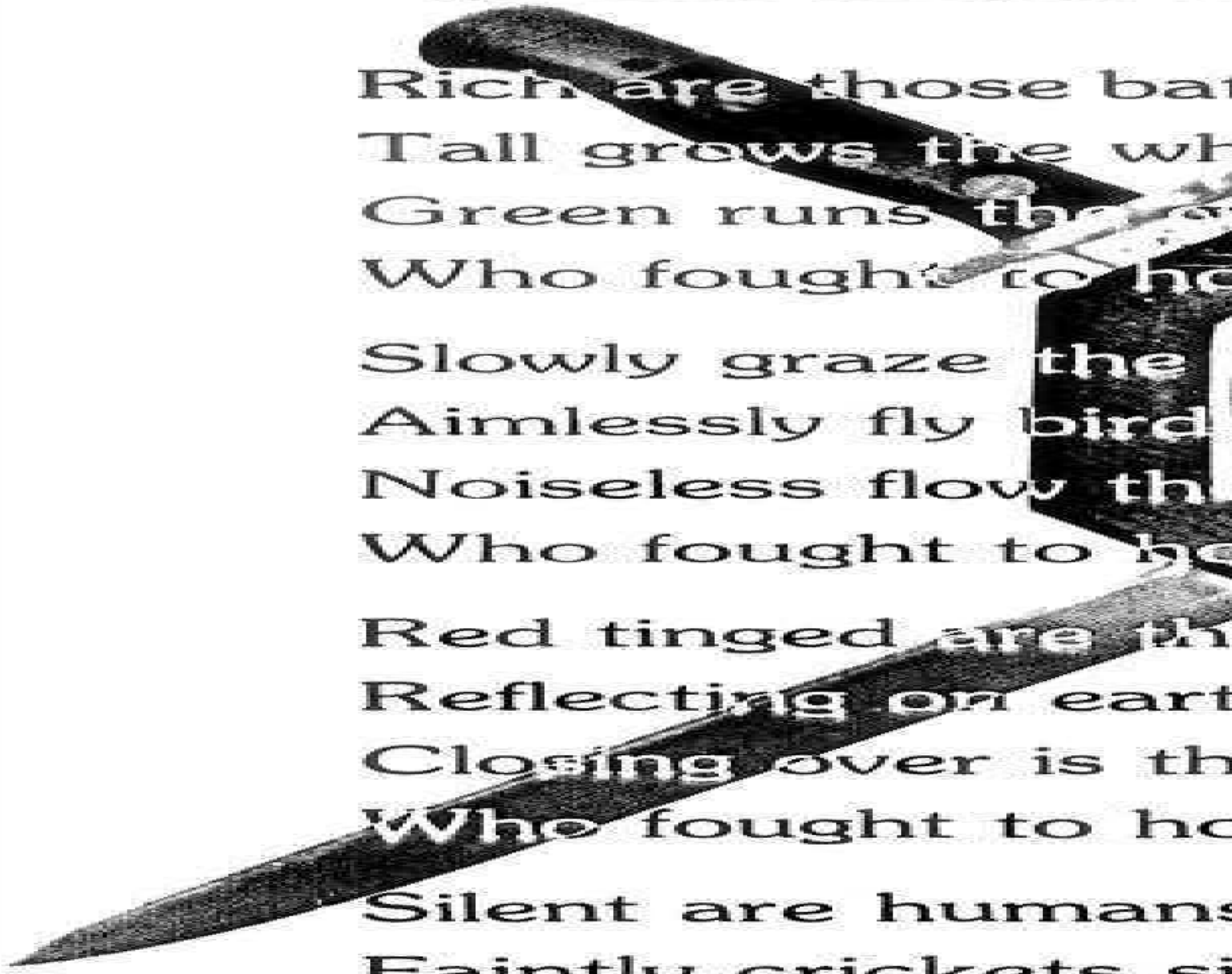

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Tall grows the wh
Green runs th
Who fought to h

Slowly graze the
Aimlessly fly bird
Noiseless flow th
Who fought to h

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Reflecting on eart
Closing over is th
Who fought to ho

Silent are humans
Faintly crickets si
Loudly the winds
Who fought to ho

barn, washed up. w
introduced ourselv
They invited us in
Baker and Grogan l
spoke German and t
good night. The g
of the platoon were
around the barn I
and listened. Joh
placements. He wa
was saying how I h
6. After John fin
walked out from th
I didn't say
was kind of funny.
having a fire figh
ing their artiller
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tween us. Right i
a Frenchman came r
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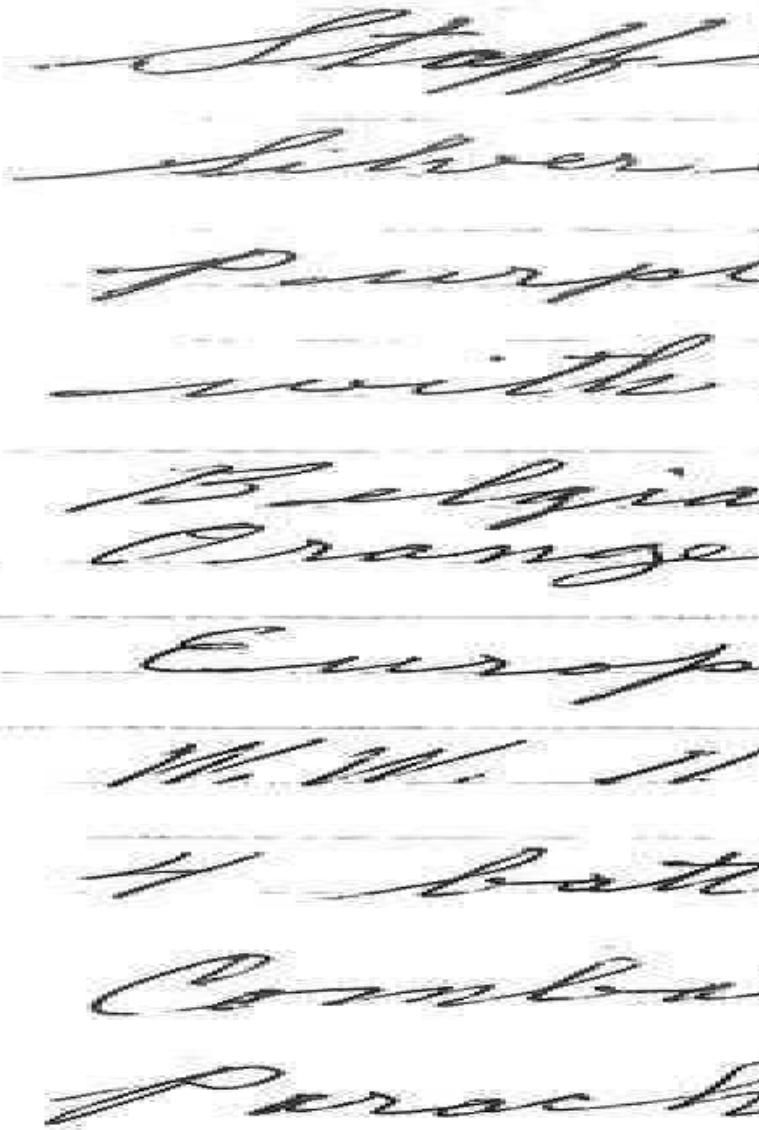

I came back from
the best mortar pl
I came into camp f
up and officers up
gents and telling
I went in to the b
bunks. At first t
go to hell. I wen
clear to get there
one hour. Sgts. Y
In half hour we ha
layed blankets on
everything needed
what we needed and
Just hours before
in Rheims with my
would order a bott
So now here I
vehicle that appea
toward Bastogne.
we reached Bastogn
over our heads. I
While they fired a
that appeared to b
Men what are we he
had a feeling it w
we continued our m

marched north there
leaving as going i
south.

Far to the wes
armored vehicles we
not to engage us.
the store owners wi
side and front of
a feeling Bastogne

As the 501 mo
position, Hdq. Co
digging our fox hol
hit us with 88's--
was above ground wa
formerics all over
mistake of digging
hit the tree about
a piece of steel r
the back of the hel
down his neck Wh
over his eyes. I
White said he would
him. Looking at th
wounded, I talked
it to the aid stat
what seemed forever
The area looked li
that only veterans

pounding we took a
next to a heavy fo
with four fifty-ca
tank with some fiv
quiet and have it
half-track when we

All guessed t
ME 109 German fight
could see the roun
We dove under the
us all, even the h
claimed to be an e
(famous last words

We moved from
one day Lt. Phipps
up the valley and
thought to be plan
up the hill and a
and said Lt. Phipp
into a German outp
So, we stayed ther
tanks and vehicles
a lot of low rumbl
what we came for.
So, he said Let's
follow the way bac

Now, it was a

our own lines. Th
back. When we spo
pass word. We now
toward our mortar
our guys. He had
fire fight down th
dous pain. He ask
with him to shoot
shoot me.

The next morn
meeting. S-2 had
a tank and infantr
valley. So we wer
few hundred yards,
were to move and g
to have all the me
man tanks over ran
bottom of our foxh
in our holes. Lt.
positions we were
81's, moved and st
us had dug 3 to 4
Baker, and myself,
a 4 x 4 we had dug
jacket and pulled
shell hit about a
looked at each oth
looked so pale, wh
head was below the

steel about two in
jagged 'ooking. I
and rubbed against
credit for quick t
minutes we had all
attack The Germa
were hitting up an
mortars, and some
more ammo. We had
81 shells. One P
the incoming hell
Griffin and John G
cool and adjusted
the outpost. Righ
guns to the outpos
Sgts to send someo
Phipps, I can't.
the line. The Sgt
send someone towar
said, Karim, get t
to follow the line
I picked up my M-1
and said get the h
a stand-off for tw
on top of the hol
hand. I thought i
someone else down
contact with the o

oncoming German at
before the first r
lot of kill power
football fields.
running, chances a
comes to life. A
into his foxhole.
actions of the bat
reached its peak.
gun pits and start
the tanks next to
few rounds but t
I hollered at the
going to get hit.
sound of a 88 hitt
have hit the very
when it made conta
the sky. The capt
backed up, went ab
firing again. I g
took it from the C
good account of th
705 Tank Destroyer
mortar and machine
it had started. T
station Some of
heading to the aid

of courage in p'ck'
conditions. The ca
something you never
man p'anes bombing
was getting cold as
but my lower legs w
the p'ne trees and
layed on my back an
needles, and then w
ne-dles. I covered
helmet to cover mos
d'dn't wake up all
When I lifted my he
ing the night it ha
I had slept like a
and gun pits. We d
to a thick forest a
dug in close to the
forest, they were a
foxholes in most ca
cut enough four and
end of the hole, la
our hole from air b
he}p to keep some d
place at the upper
case casing and mad
able to g-t some ca

heat.

But a strange
clear I was stan
way. One came low
a lot of noise. T
over our gun posit
be~ two, I saw red
the tw~ planes but
much ha~m. What w
deep bunker. So,
the guys cut a tre
carry it. So they
was the biggest tr
He had one of thos
springs. We all s
huge tree lying th
like a weight lift
it about waist hig
dropped the tre~ a
Harvey said, okay,
I laugh~d at him a
him get mad at me.
should~r, and walk
ground lifted , th
to the hole, and d
would get tired of
our foxhole when w

the loudest explosi
back at home in C-l
sent a bomber to ta
so they couldn't mi
pounders. John and I
and legs pushed a t
of our foxhole. We
around. The sight
away. Those big pi
concussion from the
We quickly went fro
boulders of our bud
this and imagine wh
30 to 35 troopers.
The Gods must have
had dropped those t
the four 81's. Fro
edge of the bomb cr
all the damage and
around and said ove
out of here. So we
We're surrounded.
One was damaged bey
ground was frozen s
pits. So, we just
set the mortars the
thought that was a

bomber to take out four 81
81 rounds so we went back
rounds we left behind or a
any supplies of any kind f
went to farm houses lookin
the attic. Back at the gu
said they had some food f
Sanders and me to see what
dozen hot cakes at the bot
angered me to think we'd h
troopers. I looked at the
snow and walked away. Noo
The fog was bad. Some plac
when we got up, the skies
Then we heard the roar of
lows started dropping bundle
coming on parachutes. Eve
was out there. The food w
C-rations. We loaded the
driver would look for a fo
and we loaded more ammo.
those bundles all over the
but he wasn't trained for
our gun positions, we had
to several troopers who ca
in the truck got tired of
ing the cases to the groun

May be combat fatig
one else hand down
the demolition grou
mines and they went
call for surrender
We didn't thin
think we all had co
and, of course, the
we would take the C
those kind of losse
every trooper a mem
me stop and think.
thought of my Mom a
worried. The next
Division broke in
walked to the area
tanks--- must have
We saw General Patt
two guns. The sun
we spotted an artil
a long tom. There
stood there and loo
shaven, clean unif
ing. As they looke
scared to death. I
all thought the sam
lery men are 10 mil

before. One guy s
are four selection
said. Yes. Sgt. B
a case on the grou
Thank you. We hea
Grogan and Sanders
scared the hell ou
you would scare yo
one case. I was g
Grogan said. If we
wouldn't have said
Dec. 15-16 and her
came with. The on
quickly. It was b
leather shoes from
even with chimneys
So, with hand gren
to one leg, we wou
Bastogne. But the
squads 3 and 4 and
didn't understand
open fields. This
until we came to a
us and with the Ge
dig in along the e
went back the way

Two 81's with no o
opened it, spread
and which way the
to me on my left a
map when a single
The bullet hit him
fell forward on to
looked at the woun
said, there isn't
isn't. Get him on
on a stretcher and
At the sound of th
tree between them
the sniper, but in
rifle, to pick out
That's a hard way
troopers came over
white capes walkin
field glasses. He
we had Germans on
one hell of a fire
undred yards away.
machine guns and d

The next day
what happened, whe
run. Sgt. Hilker
wounded. The stor

the machine gun po
German tanks had a
machine gunners fi
troopers put up a h
half track. Sever
buddies, Harry Art
soldier. In the r
retreat, but would
It seemed that we
fense of Bastogne
move us forward at
getting late. The
filled our mess ki
down. One of the
the woods. I sat
the log gave way w
logs. They are be
sleep. The next m
saw what happened
mortar rounds. Se
into the woods and
of the dead Germa
hands were full of
We didn't have muc
massacre of about
moved up to the t
going forward and

The Germans were du
them hard and destr
regiments, battalio
mans into a complet
the changes and adj
Lt. Phipps was exci
were using all thre
So, we shut down gu
ber 1 and 2. I was
as they came in. A
stopped gun number
fen was the gunner
was doing the loadi
one ready to go. H
started to look ti
place at the 81. L
the whole platoon.
throat. That was t
We moved sever
was still Germans w
thirty five Germans
to pick several tro
Bastogne. So, I pi
close by: Pvt. Geo
Stewart Karen and 2
a jeep and driver.
the hood, the rest

marching down the
wanted to march the
like they did our l
with a Thompson sub
hurry. So, I stopp
him an order to go
rest of the guys ws
let's run them. Th
spoke German and fe
were hurting. One
old. He kept slipp
of the jeep and wit
the head. That dro
put their arms unde
Zansinger didn't li
We got the pri
That was a tough ru
We walked by some G
One arrogant prison
guard why the S. O.
fused to work. I l
The five of us went
him. One of the tr
take him over there
backed up, and went
scare anyone. On t
face down in the sn
They were shot thro

Pvt. Henry DeS

Describing the ear
talion was positione

The first night
1500 yards to the
who was my squad l
the bank of a road
I was down in my h
hole. I told Tom t
us about 150 yards
'Those god-damned
tremendous explosi
bank. It picked hi
dead. The next she
life (three second
know what happened
Sgt. McClure and t
worst things that
best friends get k

Pvt. Henry DeSimon
in the Bizory sector

We had moved out
Christmas carols (
We were supposed
was a defilated ar
officers overheard
patrol through the
comes up through t
Company's main lin
A fifteen man co
They broke through
house--most of us
beautiful warm sto
we can sit next to
It was a one-sto
cellar. I convince
not next to the st
Everybody was ta
checking in on the
my turn on the pho
fell asleep. An ho
of my friends who
'HELLO!' and then
door in. Just imag
have been dead.
As the result of
one of the machine
porch and were hav
on for 45 minutes.
was firing the 30
thing got quiet. I
enough courage to

We could see about
how I spent Christ

Pvt. Henry

We had moved out there
carols (by the Germans)
We were supposed to mai
ated area between these
talking, they said, "We
take a chance that nobo
the side of "E"s main li
there. This combat patr
back--the first night i
yards to the next high
leader and I were dug i
We dug all night. When
putting a roof on his f
to the left of us about
"Those god-damned Kraut
explosion. and see the
and throwing him down l
my hole. At this period
front of me. I don't kn
ran into Sgt. McClure a
things that ever happen
killed.

Now getting back to t
at about 0300 in the mo
foot--they had this nic
'Ah boy, this is great--
a one-story house and o
that that is where we s
Everybody was taking tu
the MLR and sending the
down on top of the pota
went by and I was shake
broken English, HELLO! a
door in. Just imagine,
As a result of all the
the end of the MLR and
with our own troops. Th
in and they were firing
everything got quiet. T
got enough courage to c
could see about ten dea
Christmas morning.in Bi

3rd
Ba

You have already read t
Bastogne. Now here are su
were there.
Bob Houston had 3rd Pla
Vaishvilla as his officer
Erminio Calderon was pl
know which as he was only
to Bastogne. He remembers
men. The officer wanted t
done a tank fires a canno
if he could spot the tank
shells into it. The 1st t
a solitary soldier zig-za
a bazooka crawls along th
backward as the tank expl
happens the 2nd tank back
loses his rifle as he cro
finds cover behind wood p
others get coats from civ
but they get away in the
Dick Ketsdever had just
Buck was carrying a radio
attacked the company poin
down a little trail to ge
the lieutenant fell with
top of Ketsdever. Both we
Bastogne. Meets others ea
Frank Guzy has problems
and moves there to make a
Germans watched him enter
the barn where it kills l
out. Guzy drops his radio
town.
Marvin Wolfe is sent ah
town they noticed a large
to report but the enemy i
to higher ground and got
He saw Gauthier run down
Wolfe thinks the 2nd tank
assistant.
Bill McMahon and his gr
toward Wardin but find no
make no moves toward the
ation between Capt. Walla
bridge the enemy begins f
ordered to take seven men
of the company. From ther
Howard Gielow went out
case of pneumonia. While
enemy and the 326th Medic
ailing are marched into C
Bill White, the platoon
but isn't sure. Says he n
He remembers Charlie Turn
was a 2Lt. Wiggins(?)
Bill Morgan takes over
it in the Bois Jacques ba

Lt. Leonard Witkin was a replace
the west. His men had to cross a s
the town (Wardin) Witkin went to
shovels so they could dig in. The
he got half way back to his troops
on the CP.

One of the troopers who crossed
canteen Pvt. **Richard Hahlbohm** w
Gaxiola. After filling his canteen
asked his lieutenant where Gaxiol
located near the corner of one of th
of rifle and burp gun fire so he too
he should take over the gun. Gaxio
and scurried for cover to have his v

Sgt. **Richard "Buck" Ketsdever** w
Germans fired into the CP and the
Ketsdever in the middle followed b
over him and Wallace fell on Kets
were dead as Ketsdever sprinted to
Bastogne.

PFC **Leo Roznan** reported that th
As he attempted to flee a tank fire
was picked up and became a prisor

PFC **Joseph Christman** had been
saw him go down when hit by follo
of hay. The German tank crew and
troopers hoped to sneak away und
and ruining the weapons. Though

PFC Larry Burgoon had jumped
he was with 1Lt. **Robert R. Harriso**
rifle and their group headed for a
and Burgoon hid in a pile of hay
prisoners in the building and then t

Pages 54 to 65 in our **Battered**
afternoon of December 19. There
January 12, 1945 when the weath
Houston.

Dear Tiffy

to you a visit
be you probably
army camp at
We had not be
time and we
gather all our
have a hearing
when the gener
ent of the Irra
weapons and am
We were hustle
loaded on long
without tops or
while in the
and had all
ches on a more
It was at this
unusual was
We rode all
they was that
and blackout
We drove through

the waterloo
At about 2:00 A
trucks, no one
We were told to
the only prison
Field Colored unit
Luckily I did
was better off. Th
I don't know abo
sleep and I doubt
At first light we
what we later
As we neared
with retreating
whatever units
wrong direction.
I'd never seen a
want to be anoth
I began to wonder
and we were goi
I thought that
would soon get
How many
We did receive
were getting
were retreating.
We moved down
and thought it

Apparently just
Edith Joe takes
We get no support
less than Sis
Mickey maybe
or Wardie or
anything that
We know what
that?

Third platoon assem
and entered Wardin
saying Warden or
We were standing
when firing stopp
road.

I immediately ra
took off my overc
all my dry socks, g
which I was wear
I got the order to
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as a german emp
We got to the t
any set up the
firing was becomin
couldn't hear and

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vision and although
without the smoke
have made it.
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boards I tacked ac
I managed to tear
across.
Very they didn't ha
still attack me.

When we reached
I thought My Do
company?
it's tremendiate
there were only
remember there
myself and seven
after dark they
new line.
They asked for a
road to Wahlin
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the tanks might
M.G. fowered th
I had to lay on
up and give them
We're always regrett
they didn't come
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tanks? I guess we'll
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monastery I guess
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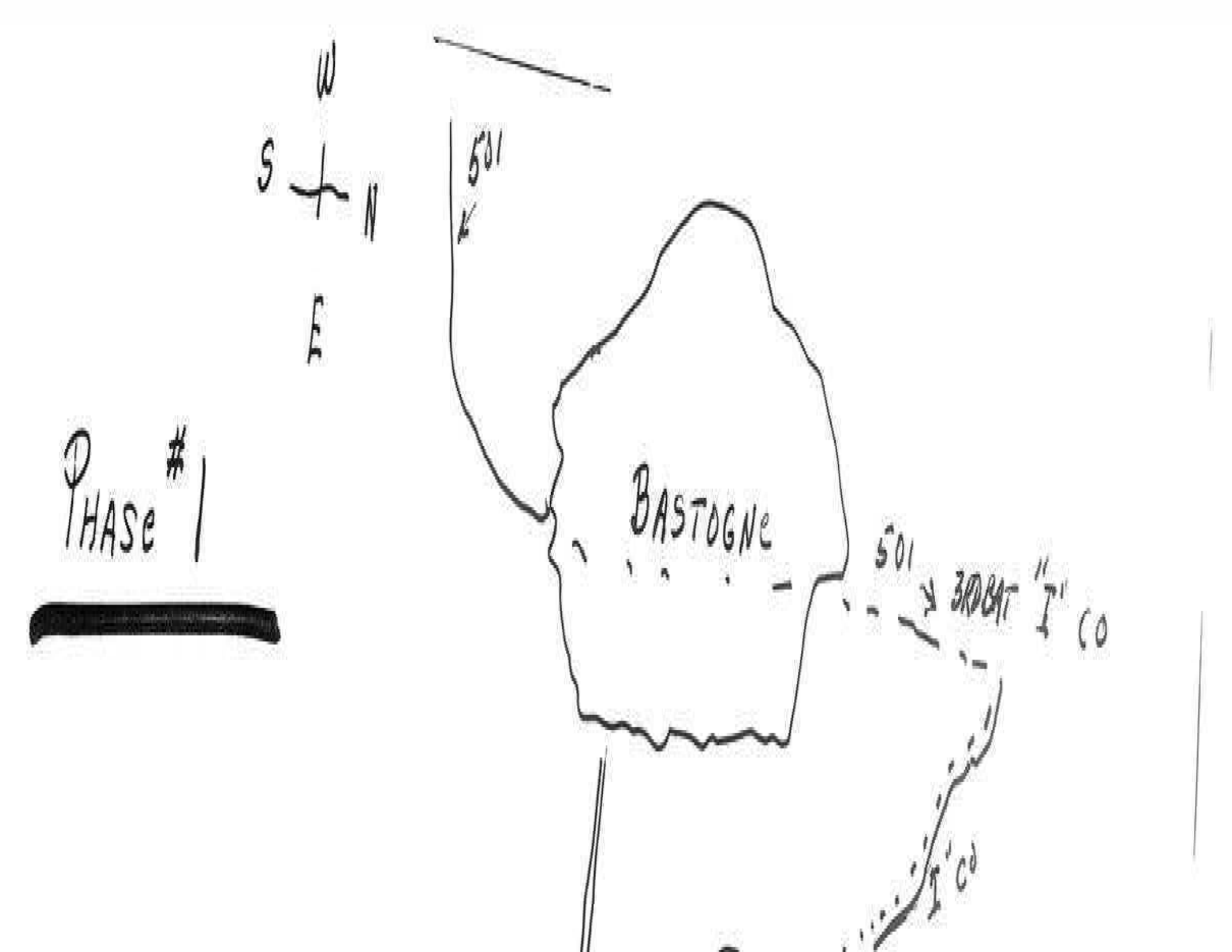

PHASE #1

Woods
AMERICAN TANKS
PHASE 2

PHASE 3

WOODS SURVIVORS DIG IN

AMERICAN HAWKS?

LINE OF M.C. RETREAT

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Sgt. Donald Casto
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We tried to come
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along the road an
ing our guys back
column of Germans
a tank and anothe
weapons platoon o
It was starting
and about the lit
shovel's depth de
shells landed rig
many casualties a
shell--looked lik
Riley and I were

In a letter Walte

I was researching D

unit roster I sent

conflict.

After reading R
If you will turn
was the 3rd Plato
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to the chateau. A
tank was at the b
and some other eq
Col. Cherry had o
He could not with
The Germans had t
The best of my me
to Col. Cherry. O
He was hit by a b
his name. He was
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The fellows dri
road which was pa
wait for dark but
They didn't get 5
fire. They groane
could not due to
after dark.
While there wai
wounded. A funny
the rifle we had
broke the stock b
the bullet hit my
powder on fire. M
cartridge belt of
fire out with the
laught out of it.
bolt after that.

Sgt Richard L

Reflecting on the
mortar platoon serg
familiar routine. W
of days, then a few
artillery round, it
Sgt. Richard L. K
Wetsig was the luck
hunch or whatever,
he reached statesid
hospitals that were

Recalling the mos
wrote: "If you stoo
got you. The other
there were no bench

Remembered the me
Capt. Jack Thornton
was platoon leader
mortars."

Sgt. Richard L. K
lion marched severa
destination which w
I asked Lt. Horvath
not know anymore th
ever. We put one be
minutes the first s
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to the cover of a b
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"On the evening o
man and report to '
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would have been his

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wrote: "I was evacu
To this day, Christ
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of Capt. Wallace's
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medication I receiv
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the exception. Fina

We were stacked in
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pounds of him at th

INDI

Name and Rank Richard L.

Current Address 400 Shawnee

Unit of 101st (Company/Batt

Circle campaigns in which y

1. Reflections as you left
the one missing is between
of an occasional artillery

2. Anything of special inte
departure for Bastogne:
action Ludwigh. Call it a hunc
time Ike we when he reached St

3. What do you remember of
The most miserable ride of my
the other chi
latrine and you.

4. Did the chaos in and aro
men around you? It made
would run into me. The wea
just came from. I also remem

5. Who was your company/bat
one Plato
relied on in tough situa

6. Your most memorable acti
unknown): Dec. 19 & 20

7. There were several other
you cite instances in wh
your efforts: There wa
wanted on it continued
Jean the 26th Tank Destro

8. It may help you to revie
Eight Days; D-Day to Bas
GFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some of
book of this nature. Des
time we were at Bastogne
mid-January: The 3rd batt
ultimate destination which was
the 3rd replaced it. Hilton wh
didn't know more than I did
a haystack temporarily. I didn't
the last shells were coming in
plate and "snipped" about fift
single strand barbed wire fence
In the evening of the 19th
for a stroll. I am assuming, w
and by dinner-time the task
or what the mission was. A cou
by the lemons. As we approach
fire from our left in the vici
discovered that this was a shal
from [illegible]. As we rushed close
was quite evident that Hilton w

mnt crossing several barb
we dug in in the reverse sl
there the rest of the night
meantime for the sake of m
of Neffe. Many of us dug t
the coldest day and night
a German vehicles in the m
in by sound and have no ide
set in, - we returned to Mont
attack on the night of Dec.

I was evacuated from Mont
always brings back sentimen
Bastogne that served
Night" and "I'm Dreaming of
sometimes screaming as they
medical aid. Heard from
at Werdin. The drone of Ge
Bastogne at night. The onl
packet I carried in my medi
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101st to get ready
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Sgt. Donald Casto
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Leonard E. Witkin 70

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collision with the Ger
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Reaching back alm
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going into Normandy, t

Company CO
Capt Hotchkiss
Exec Lt. Gielow
1st/Sgt Dawson
Sgt/ Ketsdever
S/Sgt Cherney
T/4 Guzy

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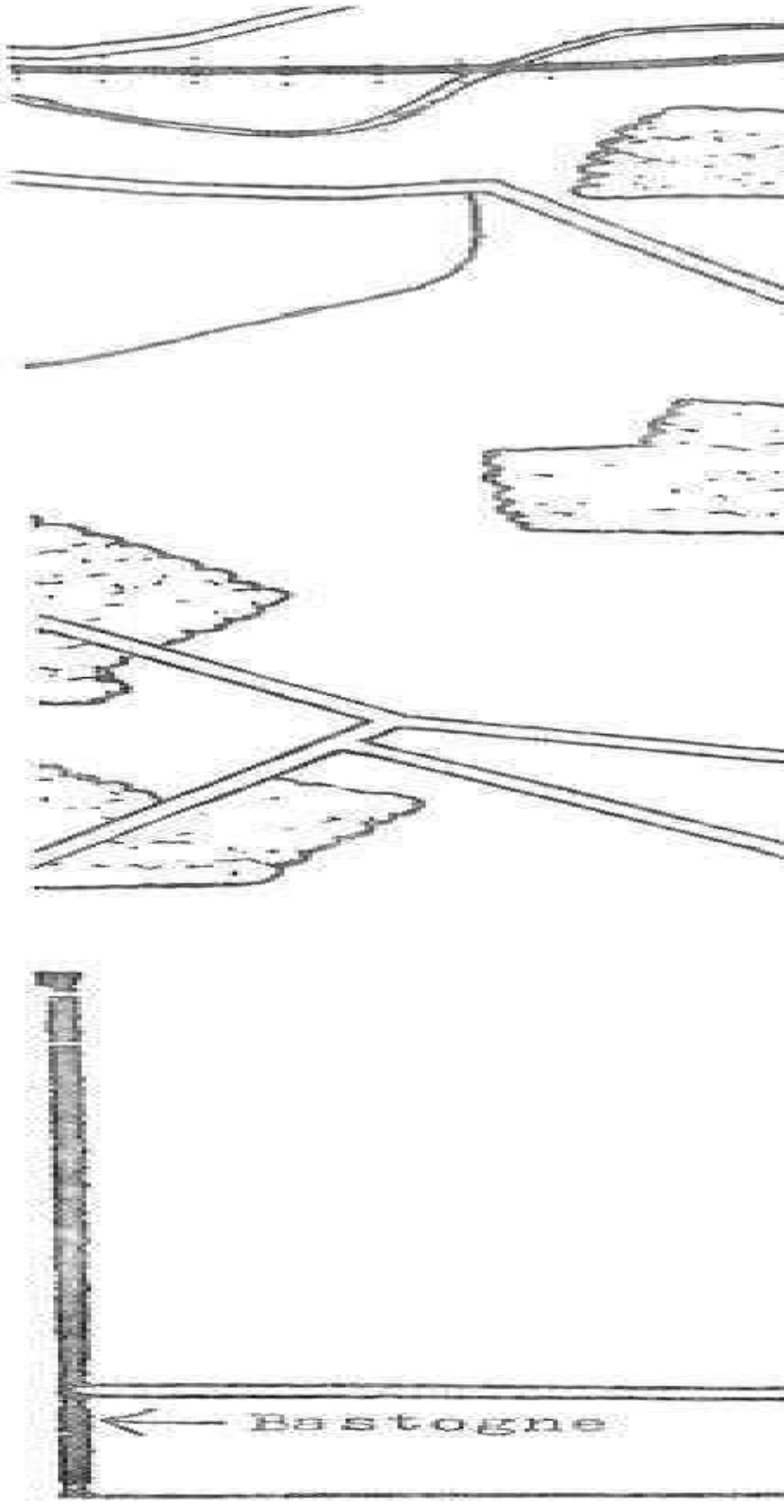

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FROM THE
DESK O
PO Box 737 H

Dear George:

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Springfield,
all have trul
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FROM THE DESK O

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FROM THE DESK O

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FROM THE DESK O

George I would
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It was an hono
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forgit them.

PS: If I think
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Thanks Ge

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Name & Rank Captain Bi

Current Address ~~#~~ P.O.

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to Battalion immediate

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(4) Did the chaos in and arou
men around you? Co I wa
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(5) Who was your company/batt
Platoon s
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(6) Your most memorable actio
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(7) It may help you to revie
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As the convoys of [illegible] columns of retreati[illegible] weaponry.

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We pulled back [illegible] we got the last v[illegible] We just made it t[illegible]

Sgt. Donald Caste[illegible] story dove-tails wi[illegible]

We set up positi[illegible] the Germans. We [illegible] quite confident t[illegible]

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I was sent back[illegible]

*see Castona below ↓

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PFC Julius J. S

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PFC. Julius J. Sc
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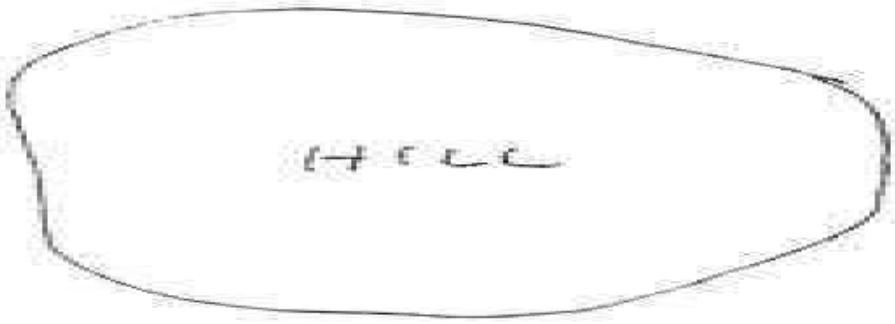

← BASTOGNE

Notes on Wardin

Larry Burgoon

"In Mormelon I was p
scheduled to go to the fr
back to the company -- -r
even have a gun or a hel
ride we started out. I
from the 28th Div going
and gun was. I said I d
Sgt Edgar that found me

"when the tanks came
But Lt. Harrison said "L
need it. By that time i
We went into a farm buil
how many) going upstairs
placement in Holland, hid
of the cows. Just befor
tank shell hit the corne
cheek of his butt but wa

"Daniel and I heard
we couldn't see whom the
set fire to the building

Larry Burgoon and D
May 1945.

Lt. Robert Harrison

He was picked up as
He was captured in the B
the book "Four Stars in
a Paratrooper Officer th
ers in the Brandenberg G
who survived Wardin, but
captured in Bastogne, fi
close friends since Tocc

"Bob Harrison wasn'
the compound but h
He confided in me
him because the wa
escape, was captur
on the spot."

Gus Gaxiola died in
any of the details.

My gosh--I just had a th
and Bob Harrison were ex
ital -- -and they were ca
of Harrison is 4/45. wi
h

The following are quotes
Perhaps you fit into one of
PFC William Druback remem
moved down the road on the
approached the high side."
The most memorable action
during "D" Co's frontal act
attacked by a battalion-siz
mound parallel to the road.
and I (we were on the air-c
fire more effectively even
a German sergeant right acr
setting beside him. He was
Cpl. Bernard Stevens reme
you saw troops coming towar
Americans or Germans in Ame
Stevens added: "I remembe
morning. Sgt Jack Houghton
wished me 'Merry Christmas!
There was a huge problem
problem with this condition
and wet I had taken off my
The next day I was told to
to get there. I was taken t
left leg but the operation
improved, there was no need
Sgt. Jack Hampton (he use
day I received a package fr
brated with these."
As you read the morning r
company suffered on the 3rd
actions: "After that things
and began an attack through
turned out to be the bloodi
'D' Company sector, 2nd Pla
the new guys caught a bulle
catch him just above the wr
off and gave him a shot of
I am sure he lost his hand.
below the knee which tore m
leg below the knee. During
German tank that had been h
their positions and caused
shooting ducks in a barrel
freezing. Even with our woo
enough to take advantage of
life nor have I since." (Ha
Hampton describes another
on a patrol to see if I cou
into the woods I spotted a
point of a larger bunch of
scooted back to our own lin
was not two minutes after t
visible. A viscious firefig
more men, including two goo
Wright. All the wounded wer
in touch with all three of
wounds. George K has seen t

The following items were d

Jan. 1 - Cpl Guy Marrs KIA
and Kenneth E. Potter LWA
Jan. 3 - Pvt. H.D. MacDona
Sexton (non-battle) to 50t
Jan. 4 - 2Lt. Williams rel
(non battle) to USAHP Nov.
to duty Dec. 26.
Jan 5 - PFC Leo J. Kusma t
unasngd to AWOL 2300 Dec.
Laski in 103rd Evac Hosp.
Jan. 7 - Pvts Leonard K. L
Edward Jurecko battle casu
Godams, PFC Vincent Desio,
Green rejoined Co from Cas
Jan. 8 - Pvt Daniel Anders
KIA 4 Jan.
Jan. 9 - Pvt Douglas ret.
from 10th Repl. Dep. 26 Oc
SWA 3 Jan.
Jan 10 - Pvt Hobert D. Hic
listed for Jan 4--2Lt Will
Oswald C. Boothe, Pvt Robe
Bryan, Jr. Sgt Ted Buehler
Foytik, Pvt John H. Holt,
Kill, Pvt Richard O. Leigh
Schnell, PFC Carl H. Smith
A. Watson Sr, Sgt William
Clark, Cpl Charles H. Darc
Manzi, Pvt Harry J. Pieczy
battle casualties. Pvt Rau
Clifford, Sgt Robert A. Gr
Jan 11 - T/5 Nelson J Dada
Norbert Neeley to DOP USAH
Jan 12 - Pvt Oskar Anderso
2; Pvt Charles J. McDonald
PFC King J. Bogie LIA Jan
Jan 13 - Pvt John N. Meyer
10th Repl Dep APO 874 11 J
Jan 15 - Pvt Joseph Cappuc
Cpl Robert T. Rubidoux tra
Lewis SWA 9 Jan. PFC Gera
Jan 16 - Pvt Clarence J Do
Robert L. Greenhawk AWOL i
T. Leonard LWA 12 Jan.
Jan 17 - PFC John Page asn
from duty (battle casualty
Michaux SWA Jan 13; Sgt Wa
C. I. Walz LIA 3 Jan (batt
(battle casualty).
Jan 19 - Pvt William F. Cl
Report) dated 10 Jan which
3 Jan '45. Pvt Harold L. M

101st ABN DIV Associat
Attn: Major Ivan Worrel
101 East Morris St. POB
SWEETWATER, Tennessee

Attention: Yaf. T. Hor

Dear Sir,

While a curator of
short diary of a USA
the Canadian 48th Highla

There is little to
what is in the book. It
Division who jumped int
Veckel (or Veghel) and
from Michigan. He does
Section or Platoon.

Though the diary is
experiences. Many of my
interesting. We also fo
Corporal or his Unit. A
sive) it is possible t
Association Nominal Roll
it returned to him. If

Attached are copies
perusal and comment. Wi

a patrol during my "day
recon: this was about?
200 yds inside the quite
quiet. We is surprised
when we were directed
about 300 yds - We all
carried a Tommy gun +
2 grenades - no helmets
+ blackened faces + hands

about 400 yds. & hit
an old abandoned
train - My objective
was to determine how
well the high ground
him to gain immediate
front was protected -
Sgt. Langston + Mayo

Mrs. Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Dear Justice Ginsburg,

I am a high school senior from Seattle, Washington and I read with great interest your dissent in the case of Shelby County v. Holder. I am writing a brief on the Voting Rights Act and I was wondering if you would be willing to answer a few questions about your dissent.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Madeline Meadows

PFC George E

"After over two m
rest and chance to
Of special intere
sports such as bask
giving turkey."

Upon arrival in t
the main street and
we could handle the

Willey's commande
Joe Kenney--men he
Shuller, Altick, Ma

The most memorabl
we stopped Germans

Citing actions of
tanks at Bizory. Wh
road and occupied t
lifted about five G
machine guns stoppe

Memorable experie
barbed wire where w
turned our position
in snowstorm and hi
and set fire to the
1/4 mile from Bizor
Germans had already

"Each morning we
up and heat rations
fire white phosphor
Sgt. Tom Butcher wa

"On January 9, my
while the platoon w
leader was Lt. McGr
cing betty on woods
secret weapon."

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Name and Rank GEORGE

Current Address 4825 SE

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BASTOGNE, MARCHAN

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7. There were several other
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your efforts: 101st AIR
DOG COMPANY
RECEIVED HEAVY B
SALT TRUCKS USED TO

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Eight Days; D-Day to Bas
GFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some of
book of this nature. Des
time we were at Bastogne
mid-January: AT TIME W
BARBED WIRE WR
AFTER 3 DAYS W
THAT NIGHT GE
INTO BASTOGNE
TOWN BY GERMANS
GERMANS BACK
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A TIME THE G
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ON JAN 3
ME TO STAY BE
FOR THREE
NEAR MY FOX HOLE

walking across th
He saw them, but
every side of us,
fight to the righ
was hard to tell.
fire was coming t

[1]Some time later
in the chest to t
and said he had a
back toward the a
white capes stepp
they took him to
and they had a su
trooper's chest.
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returned to the S
trooper. That mad
the life of one c

Once the push got
mortarmen had anoth
Ahzez Tarim descrit

We moved to the
going forward to
him. The Germans
them hard and des
regiments, battal
into a complete r
changes and adjus
Phipps was excite
using all three 8
we shut down gun
2. I was calling
in--and they were
We used just gun
great job. Pvt An
left the barrel Z
leaving the gun.
and I took his pl
Griffen and the w
right down their
Bastogne.

Referring to the s
after S/Sgt Joe Kenn
shell near by, PFC C

Sergeant Joe Keßne
shell. I got ther
his nose and ears.

PFC Anacl

Assigned as a med
Regiment, PFC Anacl

I was CQ (charg
everybody up and
I said 'Yes Sir!'
Everybody up, We'
I was deluged w
able. I was lucky

Leone also remem
the medics, wanting

I was close to
han. They always
the war that I fo
them up quickly w

It often seemed i
there was a special

It was getting
The ground was fi
dirt. I remember

Airborne troops w
supplement the basi
Leone describes wha
in his unit when he

There was one c
mounted .50 calib
anything about op
got into the para
put it back toget
lugging this big
I asked him where
a ridge that he
the butterfly tri
and I told him to
by now, pitch bla
I took off up t
I was passing Shu
sense going any f
there, nice and r
Later that nigh
Then I heard some
had been killed.

Though American m
Germans did) PFC "C
stumbled on some en
carrying it in the
it. Leone described

I was in a fox
German tanks app
mortars, bazooka
we were just ove
of the German ta
for camouflage p
set the tank on
we did. Sgt. McC
said, 'Okay.' Th
to traverse a la
starting to pour
were being shell
rout but we did
Three days lat
going across the
It was a muddied
that is the one
still have that

PFC 'Cleto' Leon
him but which was

Another time I
told to get over
had foxholes dug
woods. Well, Germ
hordes. We were
Wayne movie. The
the guys behind
dent that struck
They had put one
fired the bazook
about 20 feet in
'So and So got b
laughing so hard
running down the
troops in the po
was and I'll nev

The American G.I
Leone describes ho

We built a chu
attend Mass six
must have spotte
were doing, but
in. They killed
Christmas.

Leone had receiv
just before depart
scene with the pri

Sgt. Wils

The following mat
his mother from a r
awaiting return to
from the rigors suf

...Now I'll tell
101st Airborne Di
been back from Ho
ted. They got us
equipment and amm
and from then on
of times and neve
you took a break
every day and whe
breaking through
Bastogne. When th
get out of that a
fought all night
plenty of losses.
which were covere
wounded, also kno
The Germans mad
about five days o
of quiet. Then al
coming in thicker
The only thing we
holes almost all
lot of snow, almo
men were catching
diseases but we w
fellow could walk
jaundice and the
ing. I lost a lot
on line all throu
Lorraine and fo[illegible]g

Sgt. Boback was a
forward to all the

Sgt. Wilson J. Bo
to get rest, clean
on the front lines.
Sgt. Wilson Bobac
up and getting read
on' or shack up."
"I remember getti
my men ready to mov
roster and didn't g
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coming down the roa
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machine guns and ri
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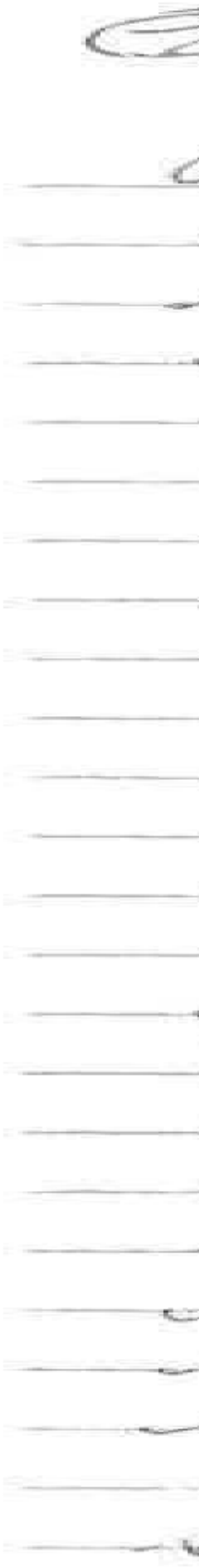
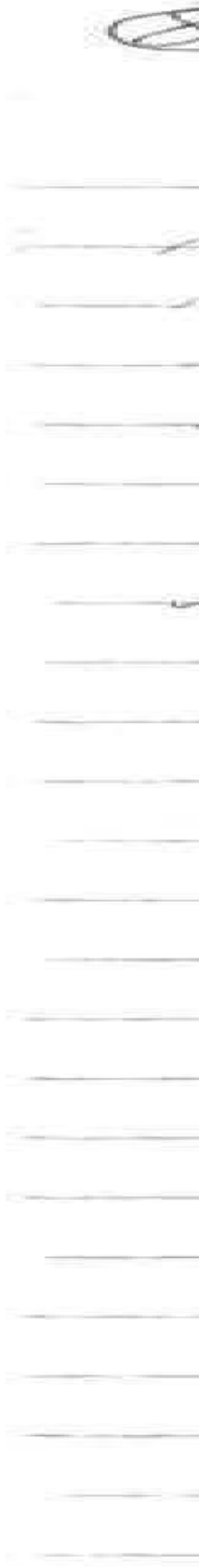
NOT TO GO UP THERE, THEY SAID IT WAS
A MASSACRE. WE DIDNT HAVE VERY
MANY WEAPONS TO GO AGAINST THE

2. IT WAS INTERESTING TO SEE EVERY
ONE CLEANING UP AND GETTING READY
TO PICK UP PASSES & HEAD FOR TOWN
TO HANG ONE ON OR SHACK UP.
3. I REMEMBER GETTING WOKE UP EARLY





Mortar sergeant R
of the 501st Regime
21st of December. H

To this day, Ch
on a concrete flo
listening to Bing
White Christmas' a
ing as they were
equipped medical
of Capt. Wallace'
and the whistling
medication I rece
I carried in my m
the exception.

After the men were
28th the wounded wer

We were stacked
right and found S
I was sure he wou
of him at the 501

PFC Julius J. S

When PFC. Julius
little did he know
unit. He remembers
Regiment flew off t
force. The band hel
France.

Due to the long
base camp was rel
with the barracks
given the duties
the work of prepa

With Colonel Howa
the band members to
the regimental comm
once more. PFC Juli

Again transfers
of the band' as C
bohm and I were t
called upon to he
the 2nd Platoon o
the Regiment depa
equipped. Much of
replacement prior
ing week. My gear
no rifle and no e
which was to be m

PFC. Julius J. Sc
the battle area, il

We were constan
road as we marche
never materialise
along the side of
'I' had now enter
Germans we did!

Having joined "I"
Julius J. Schrader
had to be one of be

In a fierce and
ties and members
others were captu
leader (Marvin We
once before he wa
Wardin encounter
in Bastogne, afte
506th trooper pro
more need for it

Dear George;

Thanks for your le
does fly and its diffi
like. You requested i
I will do my best to
nearly 50 years will b
I would however li
Leonard Harris who sta
he had recieved my nam
information pertaining
War II". I declined t
the news media has cau
and their version of e
correspondance from hi
you any assistance of
Since I started th
my recollections to Le
and returned it to me
accurate we are doing
research in trying to
If it is alright w
and I have come up wit
think might be appropi
If you wish just to re
meantime I will contin
Hope things are go
doing great. We had a
month so will have to

PS Cinq's Address:
Leonard Cinqu
491 Larchmont
Utica, NY 135

PS Sorry George
Pr... Be trouble
Pay... ...

501st PIR Ban

Name: AMBROSE Vincent
~~Phone~~: Saxaphone
Notes: To Europe with Band
Left Band at Mackall--was s
The Citadell---OCS

Name: BREEDING George Sg
~~Phone~~: Clarinet Cymbals,
Notes: Left the band in th
States.
was with us in England

Name: Connelly John Sgt.
~~Phone~~: Drummer
Notes: To Europe with Band

2LT Ernest H. Fiddelow

Name: FRANCE William
~~Phone~~: Drummer
Notes: (Not sure of)
With Father Sampson--was a
as a Medic. Was in Holland
Bastogne

Name: HAHLBOHM Richard
~~Phone~~: Trumphet (Trumpet)
Notes: Trans to Co I @ Mou
Captured at Wardin

Name: HULSEY Lionel
~~Phone~~: Tuba
Notes: Stayed in the State
Believe he hurt his knees
that he was transferred to
Was seen by Petra after the

Name: KENWELL Henry
~~Phone~~: Saxaphone
Notes: Left Band in States
Not sure--may have transf
the 541st PIR when we left

Name: LUNDE Werner
~~Phone~~: French Horn
Notes: ~~To Europe with Band~~
Not sure, but I think he
to the 541st.

Name: NORRIS James C
~~Phone~~: Drummer
Notes: To Europe with Band

Do you remember a tuba pl
were visited by Free Fren
When we passed in review
of the reviewing stand--
runway. That same arte
we never could find out.

Name: PEREZ Fernand S/Sg
~~Phone~~: Director to 501
Notes: Non-Jumper - Remain
the States Went to
to start a Band there.

Name: PERTA Fred Sgt.
~~Phone~~: Trumpet
Notes: To Europe with Band

Name: PIZER Virgil Sgt
~~Phone~~: Base Horn/Drum Majo
Notes: Remained in the Sta

Name: RIMNAC Emil J.
~~Phone~~: Trumpet
Notes: To Europe with Band
Joe c Rutan (D Co)

Name: SCHUMAKER George (Fre
~~Phone~~: Trumpet
Notes: To Europe with Band
Not sure--went to Commun
may have been in Bastorne

Name: STANDLY Richard
~~Phone~~: Clarinet
Notes: Non jumper - stayed
the States

Name: WAHLQUIST Gordan
~~Phone~~: Trombone
Notes: To Europe with Band
Watson, Raymond &

Name: WETTEREAU Wilber G.
~~Phone~~: Trombone
Notes: To Europe with Band
Biggest fear he had was
manhood. I heard that the
missed by about 1½ inches at

As a member of 3rd
mortar platoon secti
action in which LTC
find how extensive w

The 3rd Battalio
reach our ultimate
what the situation
and he indicated h
were, so put them
within a matter of
the direction of N
about fifty yards
single-strand barb
there.

On the evening o
and report to 'G'
was our former pla
almost immediately
mission was. A co
was occupied by th
road that was sunk
a building that wa
chateau which had
Bogart's platoon f
joined by Bogart a
firmly held by the
crossing several b
understood, we dug
between Mont and N
and all day of the
mobility, I had di
Neffe. Many of us
had to be the cold
20th, we could hea
on beyond our hill
how effective the

After darkness h
returned, when the
20th. It was duri
most intense that
extremely heavy al
fire. Obviously,
The 501st stopped
estate.

More than once I
it was launched on
Germans didn't att
two things, those
have been history.

Andre Meurisse, w
the time of the fa
units of the 101st
He describes the f
Battalion of the 5
talion:

> Between 1900 and
> through the fiel
> Col. Griswold's
> dated the German
> just to the west-
> Mont. The German
> pelled guns move
> Neffe a short di
> lines of fire co
> The men in the f
> village. The mos
> George N. Schmid
> of his crew and
> joined the infan
> slopes with ever
> In the next few
> enemy. Lt. Andre
> central control
> carriers to feed
> for it most urge
> rell J. Lindley,
> to spot the self-
> failed, they put
> about 11 p.m. By
> and lines of Ger
> the defenders of
> had made such a
> attack had broke
> they could see w
> ws crossed in b
> 30 and 50 yards
> ordinary times t
> them, the German
> first destroying
> them. On coming
> spaces were smal
> men had perfectl
> supporting them.
> evenly spaced li
> into a giant men

Sgt. Donald R

As communication
this recollection
to the 101st to ge
ters on December 1
breakthrough some
attack. The offic
around and get the
pass to Paris and
We had to pour som

"Nobody seemed t
the less capable o
Air Corps trucks.
of them. We had be
have to fight at a

"Morale was high
no idea of where w
out.

"We rode on the
town where we dise
going to fight unt
marched for severa
pretty warm and so
overshoes when we
few days later whe

"We walked throu
the other way. Thi
the run and it sur
taken prisoner in
Neffe.

"There were a fe
guns on the slope
were prepared to h

"We set up posit
the Germans. We co
confident that we

"I remember Pvt.
brave as can be. I

sergeant, now a 2n
went around the fi
assault against th
in the assault but
Germans at that po
"I was sent back
but was stopped by
could set up a def
tried to come back
were to play such
the road and got b
guys back on the r
Germans was not fa
another armored ve
company of 3rd Bat
"It was starting
and about the litt
shovel's depth dee
shells landed righ
casualties and the
looked like a 155m
were trying to dig
"The Germans fol
dark. It was suppo
our tanks fired tr
the Germans were c
German tanks and i
supporting us knoc
behind the German
I mentioned earlie
or around the fenc
up really bad even
them were killed b
"Anyway the Krau
At this point Ca
out of gas now. Re

The following materia
as part of the "I" Comp
platoon sergeants assig
platoon sergeants were
Carl Sargis, a short st
White of "C" Company ar

Bob Houston writes o
3rd Battalion on the ri
"It was a very cold mo
was 6 degrees. We crawl
breakfast that had been
called the officers and
attack. My German map w
were to attack through
from Foy through Le Boi
ment was now on the oth
the road on that side.
"We collected a full
machine guns, and expla
the extreme right again
50 yards to the left an
The battalion CP would
forward. Lt. Morgan tol
would be too far in fro
troops.
We moved out at about
bumping into a German p
captured two others, bu
Morter shells began fal
shrapnel in his arm. Th
me to take over while h
"We went on through t
tracks; I was carrying
gun, and everyone else
forest were small, only
was impossible to walk
a load of snow down on
with our first aid man,
dark woods. Troopers o
our right, but we didn'
and machine gun fire or
"A burp gun fired dir
forward, we saw a clear
was rifle fire coming f
in their holes, and the
behind a little tree an
my helmet and knocked m
aiming. I grabbed the h
center, but just high e
one long hole. The helm
"I straightened the l
and Shear had a machine
the railroad. When Medi
forehead he said, 'Are
'No, just med. Let's
spraying the foxholes w

to the left. They started
the hip and keep moving.
fired that way and throw
The two men kept moving a
at 90 degrees to our othe
over to them and told the
holes.

No fire was coming back
who could speak a little
surrounded. In a little w
one of the foxholes. Some

'Komen zee hier, mit de

We heard 'Kamerad. Kame
shouted at them that ever
ately.

More white handkerchief
standing with their hands
while Crotts covered the
the trail, firing at dugo
ran up to what looked lik
into the opening. I shout
use that dugout tonight a

A burst of tommy gun bu
scurrying out. Three of t
too many first aid men fo
three rifles.

Shear and the other men
the railroad cut, so we r
getting them back through
marching them down the tr
while they lined up in si

Crotts set four men in
the platoon medic, Shield
like home' with blankets
some candles set in shelv
so we were glad that the

As I came out of the du
ahead of us. Medic and I
through both legs. He had
bullets around. We picked
to take him to the battal

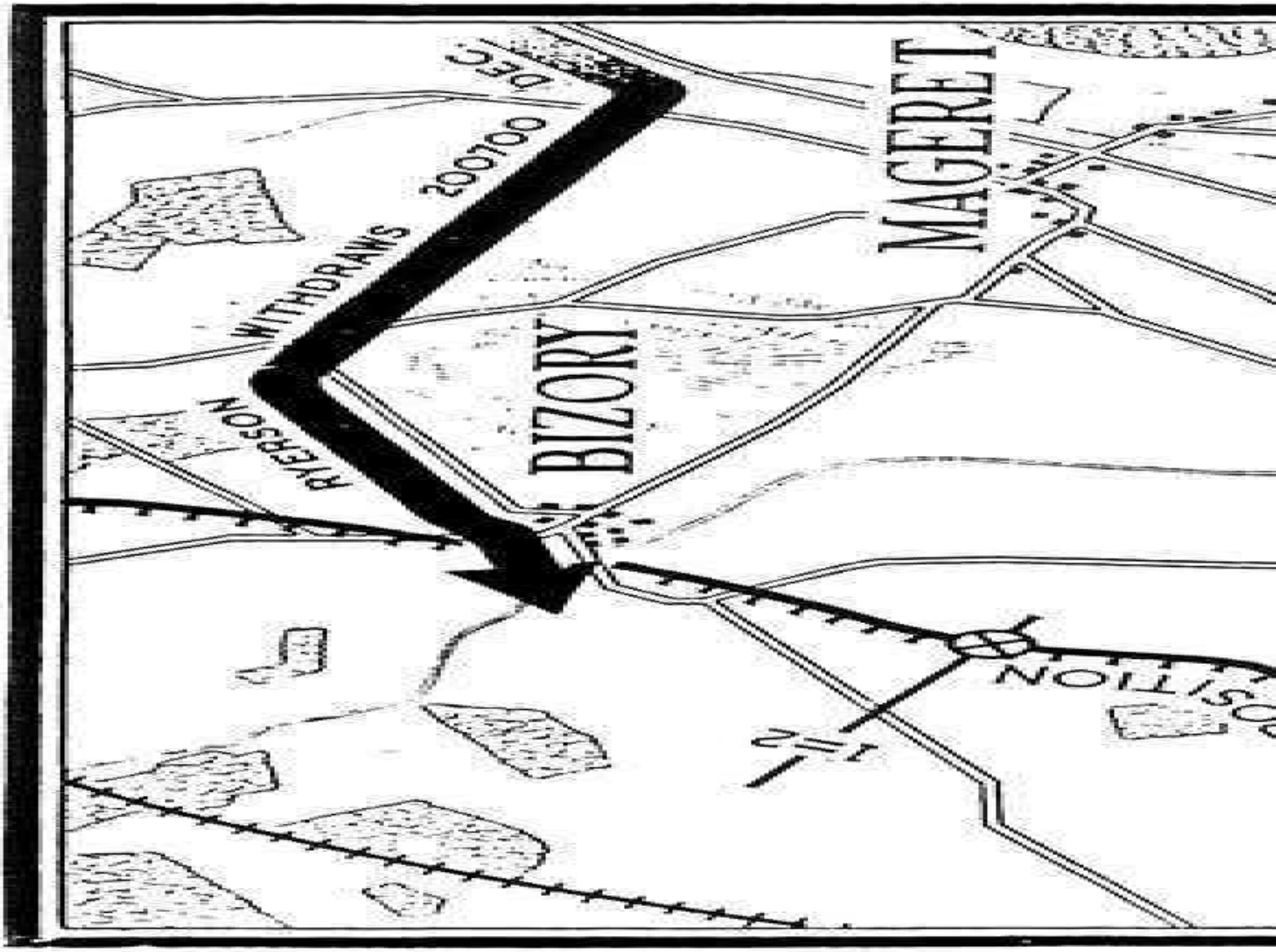
We sat him on a German
ger complaining all the w
rough ground with our hea
German on the railroad tr
Ponder coming up after ha

Battalion HQ was set up
told to stay in the posit
to go through the next da

Medic and I picked up a
Company and started our r
man, but it was dark now,
where we had captured the
flash from across the tra
The explosion followed al

We lay in the snow for
food. We had gone only a
whistling right over us.
tracks, but apparently th

started across the open s
only about 25 yards from
another shell whistled ar
We were concealed by th
Perry, and Shields filled
Crotts to send men into t
the woods, so I lay in th
across the tracks; they
bang' and a shell explode
I ran to the dugout and s
another man were killed.
There was nothing do do
watch in the foxholes whi
on a log by our doorstep
we stayed in our holes th
the line that we had reac
in the attack that day be
lot of time on the strad
327th had reached the nor
tinued another day, with
and the 506th taking the
I was sitting on the lo
saw gray cloth. We scrape
sitting on a frozen body



knocked out the Ge
infantry. That is
earlier. These po
fences, and made g
even though some o
killed by the heav
Anyway, the Krau

At this point Cast
gas now. Rememeberi

Referring to a des
related that he was

If you will turn
was the 3rd Platoo
fire from the buil
the chateau. As I
was at the bend in
some other equipme
Cherry had one tan
could not withdraw
Germans had the hi
best of my memory
Cherry. Our machi
hit by a bullet in
The fellows driv
road which was par
for dark but they
didn't get 50 yard
groaned and fell o
to the heavy fire.
While waiting fo
A funny thing happ
we had taken from
by hitting a tree.
M-1 rifle ammo in
clothes were burni
some of the fellow
Needless to say th
broke another rifl
After dark we wi
from the Germans I
my rifle was blown
straps. The plato
field and his rifl
blast, neither one

One of the platoon
and the top non-coms
Erminio Calderon, a
few days in his new
or of their capabili
regiment arrived nea

We bivuoaced in
standing and pulle
forward. Those wh
ment from the gree

As "I" Company pas
they were directed t
for enemy troops and
the men entered town

We moved out to
and everybody got
There was a chur
when the lieutenan
men up around the
I knew where he wa
be.

There were 14 me
myself at the rear
left. Everybody r
and ran over to a
from. I didn't se
position #2, I loo
88--that SOB had m
turned around as f
4") when a shell s
alongside it and h
the road. If he h

I was badly shak
This was a house w
were a couple of m
.45. I asked the
Battalion said we
to put it. He nev

After the tank f
on the map. I saw
the direction from
88mm shells for on
that man.

By this time I w
road. He was firi
holes going into i
would have been ve

When I took my e

was crawling along
tank before he fir
tumbling down the
yelled, 'I got it-
anyone come up and
doubt it very much
With Tank #1 out
it had infantry su
the company CP and
rest of the compan
then I saw a Germa
that Kraut put his
bullet holes in th
head. I was half
me. The rest of t
The others opened
About this time
barbed wire fence
rifle. I ran up t
fire. I threw mys
I heard someone el
me. The one on my
played dead. I as
think he was bad s
the hedge.' When
open spot when all
through the openin
doing any plowing.
Instead of going
the fellow with th
happened to him.
Then we made our w
on the road. At t
to hide behind. T
some coats from a
half way up the hi
up. I don't know
with high banks.
It was getting d
I was trying to te
to tell me. I fin
coming up the hill
stay there and be
From that point
yards and both of
newly plowed field
almost dark and th
could be so I pull
some 'I' Company m
In the area at t
back to Battalion
too badly wounded.
because the bunch
road and shot at e

Captain Wallace
out front. He rad
hadn't seen any Ge
the village told t
kilometers down th
had come through W
We had been in W
the road where the
could see somethin
A messenger from t
into German tanks
seven big tanks co
but there was a lo
explosion, which m
The second one pus
large number of in
back when their ba
firing and came do
I was with the 3
Crott's squad, whi
tanks stayed on th
heard Gauthier's m
den. I saw a tank
and his squad were
left and fired; Ga
They were in the m
infantry soldiers
They saw me and
the ground between
the ground. All t
best friend, but n
alive; the ground
any use at that mo
In a few minutes
took attention awa
low for concealmen
and started to tur
ding, so I pounded
closed the door, a
sturdy stone house
since that fleetin
day and the next t
I went quickly t
then out a back do
where I had left t
the tank where its
back around our pl
Company 'I', in sp
this particular pa
and what was left
other side of the
Our bazooka man
its side toward us

when it went throu
Two men volunteere
they could poke it
tank.
The explosion pu
off the crew as th
account of what wa
the 2nd Platoon fi
came up and pushed
to be only three m
out four of them.
Our squad was on
from everyone else
fence beside the r
and I would see if
There was anothe
had appeared yet.
farm road over the
the main road. Lo
see that Germans w
company CP.
When I came out
saw me and began f
shots up toward th
road. By creeping
behind the other f
machine gun fire w
in the brook, back
it went behind ano
There wasn't any
company who weren'
to find a way to j
toward the road we
to take, as the me
it. The slope on
green forest after
big pile lf what a
the woods and deci
I rested behind
with just one rifl
infantry. It was
of sugar beets. A
so I dove behind i
A shell from one
then two more hit
shook with the exp
I hadn't prayed of
tance. There was
didn't venture acr
About an hour la
around the edge of
buildings distinct
see me. My rifle

it would work. I
there was an openi
As I reached the
toward me. I thou
and called out, 'H
American, so they
It was Cpl. Crotts
other men in the s
hidden behind a st
around the same pa
We went on acros
the road. We appr
men around them we
Armored Division t
were waiting for c
be. One of the ta
along the road tow
that they must hav
way.

Sgt. Richard "Buck"
commander Captain Cla

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commander Capt. Clau
recollections and a

We had just walk
fire from two Tige
Claude Wallace and
his radioman. He
Germans had attack
force. He gave me
and rifle fire fro
suggested going do
side of the buildi
took off first run
followed me. As t
tripped because he
fell over him and
hit either by rifl
into the creek and
It took me about
being fired in my
out of enemy fire.
The next morning I
About two in the a
closer to see if I
words so I put my
closer I found tha
McHugh finally sto

As a replacement a
Parachute Infantry R
the boxing team. Hi
captured at Wardin.

Company 'I' was
were in most of th
concussion grenade
Both American an
shocked when I saw
However, when on
15 feet, I had all
I was picked up
about one hundred

IND

Name and Rank Leo Jozs

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Circle campaigns in which

1. Reflections as you left

2. Anything of special int
departure for Bastogne:

3. What do you remember of
slept on ra

4. Did the chaos in and ar
men around you? no

5. Who was your company/ba
Plat
relied on in tough situ

6. Your most memorable act
unknown): Dec. 19

7. There were several othe
you cite instances in w
your efforts: no

8. It may help you to revi
Eight Days; D-Day to Ba
GFA History) to refresh
wrote home about some o
book of this nature. De
time we were at Bastogn
mid-January:

Company I was
Colonel Harper
Lieut at his wife
Both Buddies a
I was at Eight
until the end
Lieutenant Jack
I was take pris
10 years later
Only about 20

"We were at the old
not been back from Hol
equipped nor gotten al
on what happened later
"When the Germans br
O3OOA and told to draw
hustle and bustle. Abo
trailer trucks without
"While in the trucks
thing the Army never d
"It was at this time
rode all night in conv
lights on and blackout
"We drove through al
Verdun. Also through t
"At about 2:OOAM we
exactly where we were.
the only problem was w
"Luckily I did have
some. I don't know abo
if anyone else did.
"At first light we w
Bastogne. As we neared
artillery, infantry, a
wrong direction. I'd
see another one. I beg
were going another. I
soon get the word. How
"We did receive one
equipment from the guy
of Bastogne and throug
word came down that 'I
in its front.
"These woods were fa
density of the trees w
You can imagine how ex
ially with your equipm

even worse. We searc
ordered into Wardin a
command of the compan
everything looked qui
approximately five hu
which was closer to W
the town.

"The 1st and 2nd Pla
This is the part that
Phase #1 and you'll s
stream. Apparently Ca
tanks. We got no supp
yards from the fighti
Wardin or maybe he de
Who knows what's in a

"3rd Platoon crosse
din, even today I can
as you enter. We were
suddenly broke out fu
front yard of a house
all my dry socks, glo
see again.

"I got the order to
set up a machine gun
to the top of the hil
flank. Firing was bec
let them flank us.

"Now we began to he
they were our tanks.
had taken cover in th

"As the British say
an understatement. At
'Anyone who wants to
officer who you menti
houses.

"Phase III — As you
efficien€y if that.

dense, the tanks were
blocked our vision an
don't think any of us
"We came to the str
waist deep and severa
to tear the seat of m
crossing that open gr
we dug in. I thought,
"We immediately dug
of us left. I remembe
several others. Afte
"They asked for a
our tanks to pull bac
might open fire on me
and I had to bang on
message. I've always
to our aid.
"These are the even
ation between the pla
tanks--I guess we'll
"That night 'I' or
classroom in the mona

PFC Marvin C

"We had parachute
was our landing are
town of Eerde three
hold the road for t
The British jump
to hold the dikes.
loaded onto trucks
I was completely ex
Passes were issue
ments were arriving
middle of the night
loaded onto open tr
Bastogne we passed
abandoning their eq
with very little le
togne and that we s
as we continued tow
After reaching th
met with Captain (C
village of Warden t
Capt. Wallace sent
entered the village
e large force of Ge
started back to rep
could get back, the
command post which
including Capt. Wal
At that point we
stone building and
coming down the roa
down to the road wi
then killed by the
first tank off the
advance.
Word spread that
Bastogne. As we sta
in and along a cree

keep low enough to
were large open fie
until nightfall and
streambed and retu
Upon arrival at t
returned back to th
of the men we start
surrounded by Germa
As for a memorabl
Patton's forces bro
we dug an elaborate
pine boughs. During
he was reviewing th
our foxhole. Upon i
General Taylor, 'Th
point General Taylo
keep fighting. Spea
ready for 'R and R'

We had parachuted in
Zon was our landing ar
took the town of Vechl
goal was to hold the r
The British jump int
were to hold the dikes
and loaded in trucks a
point, I was completely
trokedown.

Passes were issued
replacements were arri
in the middle of the n
We were then loaded on
arriving in Bastogne, w
and also their equipme
ized, with very little
do into Bastogne and t
was laughed at as we c

After reaching the
met with Capt. Wallace
of Warden to set up a
Wallace sent me and tw
entered the village so
noticed a large force
tely started back to
we could get back, the
our command post, which

After Pattons forces
area.There we dug an el
lined with pine bowels.
the troops.While he was
stopped in front of our
remark that "these men
point ---n.Taylor said t
to keep fighting! Steak
was ready for " R&R "a

During the battle o
defending front lines
the night after a day
he was not going to di
back to England.Henry
any fighting that nigh
Henry was and remained

Many men including Cap

At that point we ad
stone building and sta
coming down the road. A
down to the road with
was then killed by the
wounded from both sid
used their weapons.

At this point word
Headquarters in Bastog
us down and we hid in
Germans then we could
night we heard tanks
and Headquarters. So we
of darkness before we
quarters.

Upon arrival at the
returned back to the f
third of the men we st
surrounded by Germans.

Private Fir
Infantry, while
tinguished himse
military operati
the period 6 Jun
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Platoon se
in tough situations?
(6) Your most memorable actio
unknown)
(7) It may help you to review
Eight Days, or D-Day to
of the actions. If you ke
later, these entries woul
your most memorable exper
from December 19 until we

CREDO

I tried to put a
home, but it is ha

CARL BRADLEY. M
still living with
wounds. We were Ne
and PATCHED up

I must say
we were so used
that we could not

Gilbert Johnson
captured in Egypt
CARL RADLEY is
Jones D Egypt. RT
Fred Hesbrook 3
We all keep in

They do not be
a lot of Republ
to well as they

morning Father Sam
ent wounded men an
about fifteen or t

As communications

bered that the weath

and men were becomin

We disembarked i
going to fight unt
marched for severa
pretty warm and so
overshoes when we
few days later whe
We walked throug
other way. This w
and it sure was de
prisoner in the ne
There were a few
guns on the slope
were prepared to h
We set up positi
Germans. We could
confident that we
I remember Pvt.
brave as can be.
sergeant, now a 2n
around the first o
against the enemy
assault but they p
that point.
I was sent back
but was stopped by
could set up a def
tried to come back
to play such a big
road and got back
back on the road b
was not far behind
armored vehicle ha
Battalion.
It was starting
about the little t
depth deep we were
landed right about
and the enemy roll
155mm, landed righ
dig. Luckily it w
The Germans foll
dark. It was supp
our tanks fired tr
Germans were comin
tanks and infantry

In describing his

Sgt. Richard L. Klei

I was evacuated
this day, Christma
concrete floor in
listening to Bing
White Christmas' c
as they were being
medical unit--hear
Wallace's 'I' Comp
whistling of the b
I received from De
my medical kit. I

There was one bene

through Bastogne on

McMahon of "I" Compa

We did receive c
equipment from the
street of Bastogne
halt the word came
the woods in its f
We searched the
into Wardin as tha
of the company. W
thing looked quiet
approximately five
which was closer t
the town.
The 1st and 2nd
This is the part t
Phase #1 and you'l
stream. Apparentl
tanks. We got no
dred yards from th
thing in Wardin or
would meet. who k
3rd Platoon cros
Wardin--even today
the road as you en
when firing sudden
into the front yar
musette bag--all m
I never was to see
I got the order
and set up a machi
We got to the top
covering the flank
couldn't leave and
Now we began to
they were our tank
guys had taken eve

As the British s
was an understatem
saying 'Anyone who
the same officer w
in the houses.

Phase III - As y
efficiency if that
dense, the tanks w
blocked our vision
I don't think any

We came to the s
waist deep and sev
aged to tear the s
hit us crossing th
woods where we dug
company?

We immediately d
of us left. I rem
several others. A

They asked for a
our tanks to pull
tanks might open f
up tight and I had
them the message.
didn't come to our

When 3rd Battalion
Ewell met the "I" Co
head for Wardin. On
immediately sent on

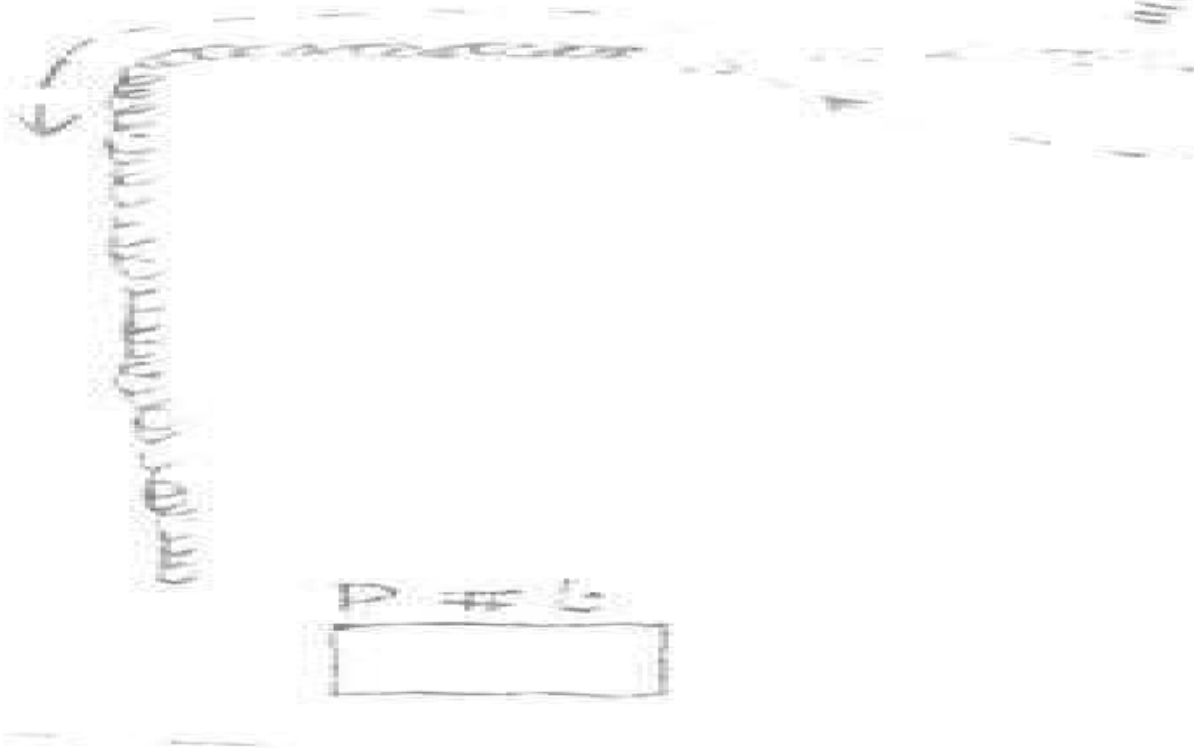
When we reached
scout out the enem
buildings for cove
and men. We immed
Wallace, but befor
came across our co
Many men, includin

At that point we
building and start
the road. As the
with a bazooka and
machine gun on the
road and the rest

Word spread that
As we started to l
along a creek just
enough to avoid th
large open fields
nightfall and the
and return to head

Point of Release

Sketch of S/Sgt Erminio Calderan's mov
#1 - Arrival in Wardin, we were 14 men
near church, Calderan broke across roa
house #3. Shell hit house. Shaken he l
including an officer and a radioman.
on sketch. Tank fired three 88 shells
comes down the small road. He is firi
holes appear in side of house in lieu
to knock it out. About that time one
it out with a bazooka. When Tank #1 is
back with supporting infantry. From po
out of our Co. CP window and fired his
wire next to stream where he loses ri
heads up the furrowed hill toward the
behind cover of hedgerows.



2Lt. Leonard E. Wi
ment officer after t
Platoon as an assist
his who works for th
article saying that
of the Bulge. These

Our division mov
you know, we left
As our company g
the small town of
'develop the situa
The town seemed
this small town an
cers set up a comm
town. After about
and firred point b
living in this hou
We just had a fe
out of town as bes
We regrouped and
I have always wo
I would apprecia
men who served wit

Witkin goes on to
and if he coud help
he would be glad to

5/9 2

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INT. Regiment
PHE D.B.15.0M
om C.O. I
m
, 2nd LT.

ne Div, as
jumped

for the
C. & the
that you
the battle
the 101 ST

Holland.
regroup. as
the Belgium
on or about

the large
to the
and as I
out to

about

We ~~enter~~
and our Co
other men
in a stor
some of
minutes of
of the wo
this stone
also burn
to we just
to fight th
could get out
We regro
Bretagne I
town at W
I would
send me so
who served
platoon
I would a
keep me in
of the 101
the I served,
Kelly, by Lge
you, may Ge
correct, re

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Circle campaigns in which you

1. Reflections as you left Ho
river from the germ
killed by enemy ac

2. Anything of special inter
departure for Bastogne: W
the night, told the
we left in for a

3. What do you remember of y
real cold & it seemed
arrived in Bastogn

4. Did the chaos in and aroun
men around you? I th
determined & we fou
good fox hole to hun

5. Who was your company/batt
LEONARD WITKIN platoo
relied on in tough situat
the men in my platoon

6. Your most memorable actio
unknown): Dec 16, 19

7. There were several other
you cite instances in whi
your efforts: better a

8. It may help you to review
Eight Days; D-Day to Bast
GPA History) to refresh m
wrote home about some of
book of this nature. Desc
time we were at Bastogne
mid-January: letter at

C'

Mr George Tos
thank you
all those acc
town of Ard
that so many
town + that
I sent you
my experience
told a fe
when we ent
left the main
field to get in
crossed the
jump across,
when we got
commander set
about 200 yar
was to pick th
being out in t
to see if I
so we could
me if I wanted
I told him
to my platoon
I saw these
woods + fie
stone house

(2)

a couple of my
the tanks + knoc
with Bazookas. w
ammo we had
out of town. So
road, across the
creek as when
we filtered
action at Warden
fight some
If LT Bill
will remember
across some
in to the righ
LT Morgan then
asked me not t
efface his pla
but to worry
The germans
+ really chopped
auto mater weap
DAR's, 30cal mac
again about a
time result. w
a barbed wire
the open groun
what helped us

after about 6
t our planes
help us fight
like some of ou
through our li
their break thro
tanks came thro
Ben fell on sh
I don't know w
are glad to
Our job after
wooded area
are wooded area
& he said he wa
as we were
to an open
up" in a deep
run into the
flying everywhe
like in the
When we looke
we saw our
& had been ki
Of a member
this to might
our platoon had
& I showed one
it, as I was

my men treated
& he could no
day some germa
thought he
use the gun
found that the
been hit with
another membe
remember that h
60 mm mortar
rifle without us
I read a bo
that when Co.
officer came ou
name of the bo
the author of t
USS LT. then
I also want to
a roster of the m
to thank you for
I must tell
the 101 ST IN/RB
I am most proud
I am glad I g
my experiences
what I am talk

Individ

Name and Rank Pvt. Everett M. D

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Circle campaigns in which you

1. Reflections as you left Ho
Glad to leave

2. Anything of special inter
departure for Bastogne: L
Nothing else

3. What do you remember of yo
Cold, Little

4. Did the chaos in and aro
men around you? Yes, I
Always. The Medic

5. Who was your company/batte
platoon
relied on in tough situati
My Medic and

6. Your most memorable action
unknown): My Men

7. There were several other u
you cite instances in whic
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Each night the

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Eight Days; D-Day to Basto
GPA History) to refresh me
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book of this nature. Descr
time we were at Bastogne o
mid-January: Well
Dug In Engaged
and Threw Back
Where We Rest
of My Company
Hundred Men
Strength Decy
Were Dug In
Heavy Ce
Bitter Cold
But We Dug
Foxholes Be
Ground Would
Cover Like Ice
and Very Much

Pvt. Leo Rozman joi
November 1944. He ha
Air Force. He then be
finally arrived in th

The sequence of eve
later that God contro
POW. I did get to kn

Danny Roberts lives
89121.

Company "I"led the
told to proceed to a
hands. However, a fa
troopers were in town

After reaching the
something. The shoot
loose as if on signa

Firing by burp guns
shells zooming in fro
the day.

I survived the firs
or took off for parts
with burp guns and th
angry and emptied cli
came to the window I

After about five to
yards from me. The e
ridge.

At about the same t
guessed properly that

I wouldn't remain s
shooting at me so, ke
I slipped under some
under me.

The first Tiger tan
turret with a grenade
third tank, "American

The next thing I w
15 feet. I said to
I braced myself for
The tanker missed
but I was breathing
Two German soldier
alive. They made me
soldier put his luge
They took my parat
led to a long bout w
They led me to a h
and set up an interr
would fire his machi
shoot you if you did
A German officer s
asked "Why are you f
"The same reason you
He liked my answer
sent me on my way to
as combat, but that'
but the starvation d

Dear Mildred,

I joined the A.T.S. [illegible] here in Nov 1944. [illegible] training in the Air Force Black Panther Division [illegible] west.

The sergeant [illegible] right annoyed me, [illegible] worked. I have met [illegible] three Polish girls and Betty Fields [illegible]

So I led the [illegible] We were told to [illegible] were supposed to [illegible] type person did number [illegible] of town and counted [illegible]

After reaching the [illegible] and eat some things [illegible] minutes, we'll [illegible] [illegible] firing by large guns [illegible] so, she'll be coming [illegible] sleeping are the [illegible]

I swerved the
me had been kil
some Germans in e
boys guns and the
clothing. I became
eyes at them in th
the window I slept
After about 5 ho
a ridge about 30
Army was coming ov
At about the sa
diesel locomotives.
tanks.
I couldn't remain
because people kept
that tanks were pa
tank hedges between
bayonet under me
The first tiger tank
somebody in the turr
coming out of my body
The first thing it sa
a distance of about
the young babe" but
for nothing a wretch

The hunter missed
and then ran off
and in a dead

Two German sol
pointed their
my hands on my
to my head, but I
They took my
part of rubber
frozen feet.

They led me to
a dusty area
square. Behind the
him his machine gun
they would shoot you
A German officer
said yes. He asked
to a few friends a
were."

He looking eyes, e
on [illegible] you, and say
the life to prison ma
another story I hea
but the stewardess
of Mr. Nishinaki

As a 2nd Lt. repla
of "I" Company of th
scene in Holland aft
as seldom did replac
Division.

In his first commu
such as maps, roster
what he recalled:

> We entered this
> men and officers s
> corner of the town
> out of the woods a
> civilians also liv
> We just had a fe
> out of town as bes
> We regrouped and
> have always wonder
> I would appreci
> who served with me

The following is l
and studied the situ
memories were shaken

> When we entered
> cross an open fiel
> open field and whe
> creek.
> When we got into
> house about 200 ya
> uneasy about being
> get some extra sho
> I wanted to stay a
> started back to my
> tanks come out of
> A couple of my m
> them with bazookas
> to do but get back
> across the same op
> We filtered back
> and went back into
> If Lt. Bill Morg
> in directly across
> where his platoon
> asked me not to le
> enemy. I told him
> The Germans did
> as we had many aut
> machine guns, etc.
> result. When morn

the open ground a
After about six
supplies and help
tanks came up and
breakthrough was
see them.
Our job after t
going into one wo
was taking charge
came to an open a
accent. We start
where and clippin
When we looked
down on the groun
If a member of
ing incident. Ou
showed one of my
man treated this
day some Germans
chance to use the
gun had been hit
Another member
the 60mm mortar,
plate.

PFC Joseph

Joseph N. Christ
45 years until he
men had jumped tog
at Camp Toccoe in
town (Wardin) near
one-sided battle w

Don't know how
name of the town
I saw Gauthier
ting into the ha
bottom of the ba
man tank crew an
by the barn.
We thought we
got from under t
of the barn. Rec
both rifles wrec
picked up and ca
think the same o
saved my life--s
I was taken to
old home guard h
was over for the
in the barn that
the rest so it w
I was moved se
stion. One of
German who captu
all kinds of luc
brought in on e
gut-shot and die
coat and it was

Christman went o
liberated near Mun
prison gates. He r
cake" but the stom
very little food d

Yes to[illegible]
Here is one mor[illegible]
you. I keep ge[illegible]
this information [illegible]
appreciate you [illegible]
all that you [illegible]
Sincerely,

Lee H. Cla[illegible]
Editor, Ge[illegible]

I am [illegible]
year manhu[illegible]
was with [illegible]
Dec. 19, [illegible]
of infantr[illegible]
noone has [illegible]
Joe [illegible]
at the pla[illegible]
remember h[illegible]
many bushe[illegible]

"Hi Mich[illegible]
"Hell, [illegible]
I have [illegible]
names [illegible]
placem[illegible]
this t[illegible]
" I[illegible]
barn g[illegible]
livest[illegible]
I in t[illegible]
lunch [illegible]
"We[illegible]
We got [illegible]
the ro[illegible]
left e[illegible]
the ne[illegible]
crack [illegible]
of in [illegible]
" I[illegible]
by old[illegible]
the wa[illegible]
cattle[illegible]
villag[illegible]
comes [illegible]
" I[illegible]
aid st[illegible]
The Ge[illegible]
German[illegible]
soldie[illegible]
coat.[illegible]
simply[illegible]
was th[illegible]

Thanks.

Joseph Christman
E. 1807 Mallon Ave E.
Spokane, WA
99202-2858
PH: 509-534-4165

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days f
Germar
was go
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Just
I nev
"
strok

PS Learne

S/Sgt Erminio

S/Sgt Erminio Calderon j
was sergeant of 1st Platoo
He was later transferred t
took over 1st Platoon. Cal
"I was transferred to 'I
far back as to how much ti
corporal to step forward s
not because I was going ba
bunch of complete stranger
We bivuoaced in an open
and pulled out. Only the m
equipment just fell out. W
the veterans who needed it
We moved out to this pla
everybody got off the road
right of the road.
There was a church at th
tenant came back and he wa
the platoon sergeant I wan
so I'd know where they wou
There were 14 men on the
back. All of a sudden a ba
right again. For some stup
see where the fire was com
but when I got to position
of an 88--that SCB had me
around as fast as I could
struck the front. The tank
to move his gun to line up
now recording this for you
I was badly shaken. From
with a barn under and the
Lt. Culahan or Mullahan (m
radioman if we had artille
asked him where the hell h
This tank, after he fire
saw that tank fire three r
had come in. I couldn't be
how many more shots he fir
By this time I was occup
was firing at the house on
had had anything to throw
it out of action.
When I took my eyes off
along the road with a bazo
bazooka. The explosion was
was hurt because he got up
action (I don't think this
didn't see anyone come up
doubt it very much.
With Tank #1 out of acti
support. I'm still down he
ing we should go up to hig
We were isolated down here
pany CP window. I saw that

saw five bullet holes in t
I was half in and half out
men were over to my right.
got him.
About this time I figure
fence next to a stream and
where I was caught in a ba
and I yelled. I thought I
other men going out with m
awhile and played dead. I
think he was bad so I said
I did we started running.
There was so much lead fly
furrows without doing any
Instead of going up, I h
with the head wound never
behind the wood pile for p
and out to where this hous
--there was nothing to hid
borrowed some coats from a
way up the hill. I guess t
any of the civilians were
for about an hour or a lit
It was getting dusk and
to tell him to keep down.
figured he was trying to t
anything from my position
about a dozen Krauts comin
about to stay there and be
From that point on to th
both of us started to run.
was terrible. We got into
woods. I didn't know what
turned out to be some 'I'
In the area at that time
ion with him and evedently
there that night. It was J
me, the Germans had cut th
The following morning Fath
ferent wounded men and he
teen or twenty minutes lat

Staff sergeant Rob
12, 1945 with 3rd Ba
Battalion was in res
It was a very co
was 6 degrees. We
breakfast that hac
Morgan called the
plan of attack. N
that. We were to
that ran from Foy
502nd Regiment was
line up to the ros
We collected a f
machine guns, and
on the extreme rig
about 50 yards to
of them. The batt
we started forward
so that nobody wou
line of fire of cu
We moved out at
before bumping int
and we captured tw
clearing. Mortar
caught a piece of
the lieutenant tol
We went on throu
the tracks; I was
tommy gun, and eve
of the forest were
together. It was
tranches and dumpi
to eight men now,
'Medic', seemed is
supposed to be acr
anything of them.
left, but it was h
A burp gun fired
ing forward, we se
There was rifle fi
all down in their
on my knees behind
Something hit my h
must have been aim
bullet hole almost
had deflected up,
and cut my scalp a
I straightened t
and Sheer had a ma
to the railroad.
ping down my foreh
'No, just mad.

Indivi

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Circle campaigns in which you

1. Reflections as you left Ho

2. Anything of special intere
departure for Bastogne: ___

3. What do you remember of yo

4. Did the chaos in and aroun
men around you? ___

5. Who was your company/batte
___ Platoon
relied on in tough situati

6. Your most memorable action
unknown): ___

7. There were several other u
you cite instances in whic
your efforts: ___

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Eight Days; D-Day to Basto
GFA History) to refresh me
wrote home about some of y
book of this nature. Descr
time we were at Bastogne o
mid-January: ___

Norman A. Nelson

1. When I was evacua
early in the miss
survived the rest
Spent time in an
later in France

2. I remember the o
Paris, exploring
area. It turned
I don't recall ru
the sudden depart

3. On the sudden orc
in trucks. Some
clothes. Somewhe
helmet from retre
These trucks were
trailers without
this huge convoy
companies, batta
some miracle, the

4. The picture of a
soldiers in retre
specific effect
For myself, takin
tough spots in th

5. After all this t
platoon sergeant,
a close buddy.
commander of the
occurred to me to
I do remember Cap

6. I think it was De
and also the Germ
in the darkness b
sector, with heav
that we were surr
numbered by them;
we surrender or b
McAuliffe's now f
the 23rd, a rare
needed supplies t
Can remember hidi
some old house.
much damage. De
special way. Our
Armored made thei

Norman A. Nelson,

7. Some armored peop
elected to attach
the 4th and 28th
when we arrived a

8. I can recall carr
box because I had
real teeth in Hol
to the poor guys
ever-present cold
confiscated from
on short patrols
of frozen ground,
problems, sometim
fire. There were
who braved enemy/f
forage for whatev
in uniforms that
bunch, myself inc
Can remember crou
the source of ene
stack. This part
To this day I can
where I ate or sl
me. Shared foxho
and names I can't
who always manage
of me when shelli
a hole. By this
Even though we ha
our roughest time
defensive to the
this time and kep
I was a survivor

P.S. I have an
book really helpe

George, I hope wh
Have been retired
Still very active
to stay in shape.
May this find you
another book.

1Lt H

In a letter to Mike
following:

"Your October 30 no
in Wordin. After the
betrayed by the occup
were re-united at the
close friends ever si
arrived at the camp I
of the camp and Bob w
ferred to a hospital
faithful about sneaki
me he spoke of making
dissuade him, but was
Serbians told me that
and had been killed."

PFC Frank

The following is
SCR-300 radio oper
Inf. Regiment in F

On or about 15
the men who were
The Company CP g
at about 50 yard
dever, and Pvt.
escape out of Wa
these men whom I
heavy tank fire.
and together we

In a letter Fran
1982 (a copy of wh
information comes

With the map p
from the woods o
ator of the comp
was unable to re
forest. When the
for permission t
ground. Wardin w
map with a red X
Germans. They we

The SCR-300 ra
combst and the o
and open ground,
still could not
around and heade

In front of he
on the ground to
obviously watchi
of headquarters.
crowded and find

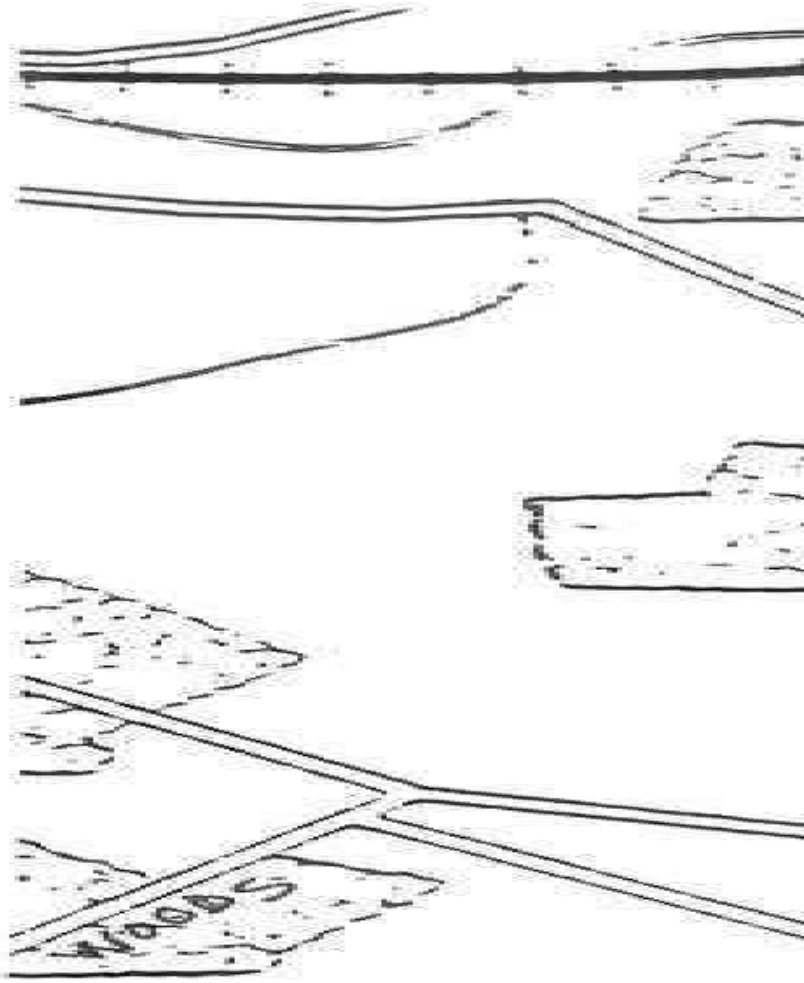
Captain Wallac
was very busy se
was a large expl
The leading tank
the living room,
barn, and killin

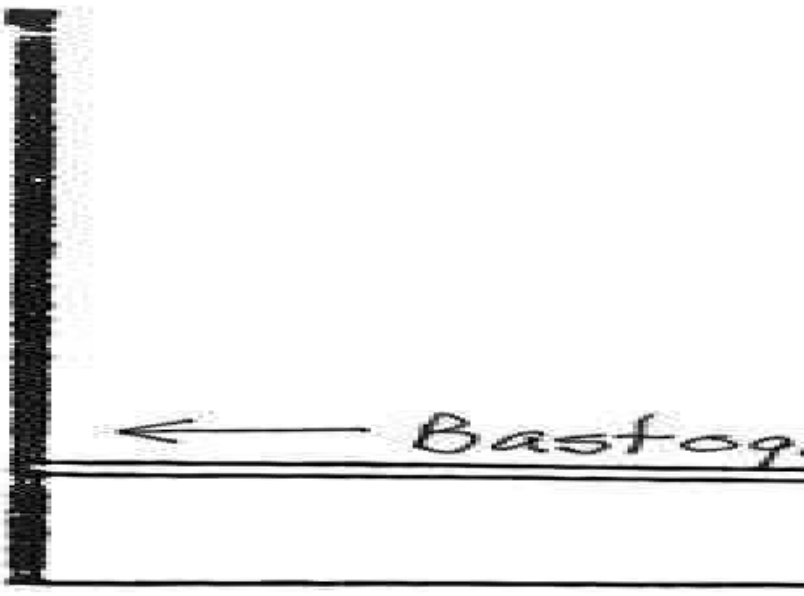
All hell broke
with reports and
leave and go to
company ran out
each moment. Rep
changing positio

Captain Wallac
witnessed. His l

Soon everyone
evacuate carryin
that the radio c

it on the ground
came upon Captai
ture is stated i





Deposition of Sgt.
Engle:

"On or about 1530 o
men who were forced t
pany CP group was one
50 yards I could see
Wolfe. I could also s
The majority of the c
still alive. At that
later I met Sgt. Whel
Wardin."

In a letter Frank G

"With the map provi
from the woods on the
the company (communic
to reach Battalion HQ
for Wardin, I asked C
formation to seek hig
area I chose is marke
within a few feet of
moving into Wardin.

"The SCR-300 radio
bat, the other a long
ideal for receiving u
Battalion HQ, I stopp

"In front of headqu
the ground to disasse
watching and naturall
ters. Upon entering t
a place for myself an

"Captain Wallace kn
very busy setting up
large explosion in th
tank sent one shell
wounding several, and
first sergeant (Carl

"All hell broke loo
reports and requests

and go to the back of
ran out of supplies.
Reports of casualties
Obviously we were out
"Captain Wallace wa
His last order to the
"Soon everyone of o
evacuate carrying a b
the radio could not r
ground and double-tim
Wallace and others, a
enclosed disposition.

← BASTOGNE

Walter E. Davis wr
researching D-Day Wit
sent him, triggered a

"After reading Rend
you will turn to page
the 3rd Platoon of "C
from the buildings in
chateau. As I ran acr
at the bend in the ro
other equipment to li
had one tank, one hal
withdraw during dayli
the high ground under
ory was there were ju
machine gunner got hi
in the right shoulder
black headed fellow.

"The fellows drivin
road which was partly
for dark but they mad
get 50 yards until bo
and fell off the jeep
heavy fire. Both were

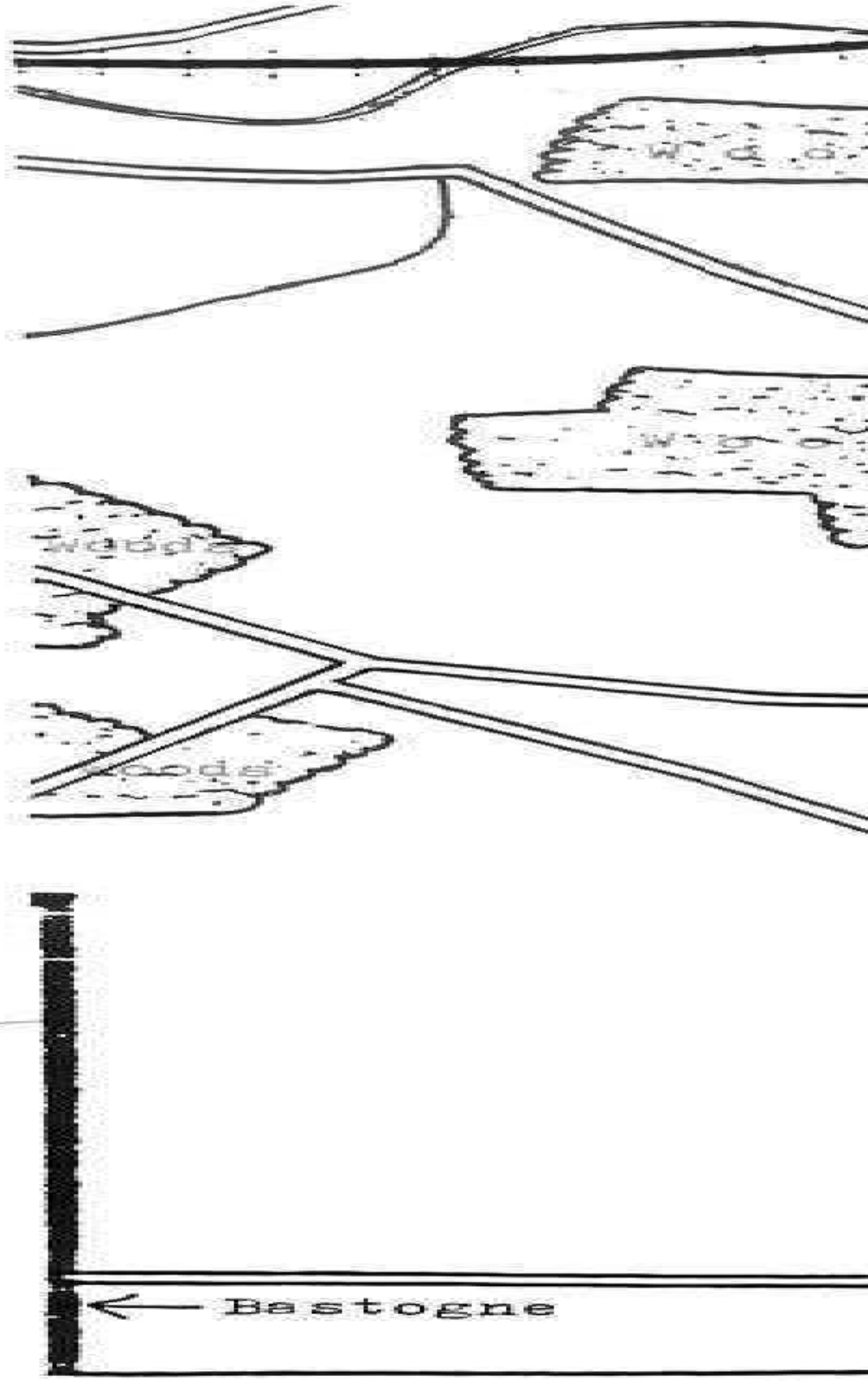
"While there waitin
wounded. A funny thin
rifle we had taken fr
stock by hitting a tr
hit my M-1 rifle ammo
clothes were burning
some of the fellows w
Needless to say the c
another rifle without

"After dark we with
from the Germans I ev
rifle was blown in tw
The platoon sergeant
over in the field and

from the blast, neith
and snow. The platoo
pages 617-621. This w
were killed. The lieu
got his right cheek a
mentioned on page 620
The medic with me and
Watråck who up until
living at 2045 No. Wh

You have already read
Bastogne. Now here are s
were there.
Bob Houston had 3rd Pl
Vaishvilla as his office
Erminio Calderon was p
know which as he was onl
to Bastogne. He remember
men. The officer wanted
done a tank fires a cann
if he could spot the tan
shells into it. The 1st
a solitary soldier zig-z
a bazooka crawls along t
backward as the tank exp
happens the 2nd tank bac
loses his rifle as he cr
finds cover behind wood
others get coats from ci
but they get away in the
Dick Ketsdever had jus
Buck was carrying a radi
attacked the company poi
down a little trail to g
the lieutenant fell with
top of Ketsdever. Both w
Bastogne. Meets others e
Frank Guzy has problem
and moves there to make
Germans watched him ente
the barn where it kills
out. Guzy drops his radi
town.
Marvin Wolfe is sent a
town they noticed a larg
to report but the enemy
to higher ground and got
He saw Gauthier run down
Wolfe thinks the 2nd tan
assistant.
Bill McMahon and his g
toward Wardin but find n
make no moves toward the
ation between Capt. Wall
bridge the enemy begins
ordered to take seven me
of the company. From the
Howard Gielow went out
case of pneumonia. While
enemy and the 326th Medi
ailing are marched into
Bill White, the platoo
but isn't sure. Says he
He remembers Charlie Tur
was a 2Lt. Wiggins(?)
Bill Morgan takes over
it in the Bois Jacques b

I asked Andre Meurisse, ou
church in Werdin with the
Destiny and this is what h
your own actions from this



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PFC Robert A. Cr
furlough after the
Kenneth C. Green
other at the USO i
due back at Mourme
18th Green had a f
extra days. I was
Crowe added: "I
due back at roll c
we had just receiv
PFC Robert A. Cr
village in France
to our truck with
good tread."
"The 3rd Battali
potato cellar unde
our feet. It was i
wet and soggy unti
us. We then got ne

IND

Name and Rank Pfc Leroy F

Current Address Box 11

Unit of 101st (Company/Bat

Circle campaigns in which

1. Reflections as you left (Mind) set up a little 3 Stories.

2. Anything of special int departure for Bastogne:

3. What do you remember of & White

4. Did the chaos in and ar men around you? Yes Lots Were Scared

5. Who was your company/ba Plat relied on in tough situ Radio Op. Co

6. Your most memorable act unknown): Can't think

7. There were several othe you cite instances in w your efforts: Can't

8. It may help you to revi Eight Days; D-Day to Ba GFA History) to refresh wrote home about some o book of this nature. De time we were at Bastogn mid-January: No Pl Can't think

#3. Very little

Very few men left

Left with

few were left

April 16, 1990

Dear George:

I must get started
I don't have one ar

I must preface my r
(which is poor) and

THE BULGE: After h
Mourmelon, many of
Paris, southern Fra
to Mourmelon on A &
Monday morning. Th
received orders to
eighteen wheelers g
the general officer

I have no idea how
not stand up straig
enroute. We made a
Belgium. I am not
came up to our truc
That sure was good

I think it was the
truck commander sai
The mumblings among
get P.O.W.'d. Anyw
It was a very gloom
WITH DESTINY is ver
the mud was worse t

3rd Battalion 501st
a potato cellar und
had was our feet.
was always wet and
dropped supplies to

Shortly after 3rd A
were working wire t
out of Bastogne, he
(I think) asked dir
LTC Abrams. I don'

I must tell a story
Mourmelon, Green ei
at the USO in Londo
Mourmelon for Roll
December, Green had
take a few extra da
time. Needless to
Who was aboard one
Bastogne? None oth
was reprimanded in
this..

I had another good
Fayettville, N.C. a
in Holland or Bast

During the first ex
wired together. Mo
and it didn't take
And those damn sque

This is about all r